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UNIFIL blames Israel for all attacks

BEIRUT (AP) — The commander of the U.N. peacekeeping force in South Lebanon on Friday blamed Israel and its mainly Christian militia allies for most of the shooting incidents in the U.N.-policed area. Major-General Gustav Haglund of Finland, who leads the 5,800-strong U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), made the allegation during a parade in the village of Al Hinnayah where he decorated soldiers of the Nepalese 12th infantry battalion, one of the U.N. contingents. He said the Israeli army and its militia ally, the South Lebanon Army (SLA), in Tallit Habbane, a hill where they have artillery positions overlooking the Nepalese sector, was "responsible for 75 per cent of all firing reports in the UNIFIL area... in recent weeks." Gen. Haglund said he "will never accept that soldiers under my command should be shot at and have to take casualties." Three Nepalese soldiers were wounded in June, UNIFIL reports said. "Your job over the past month has not been an easy one," the Finnish general told the Nepalese. "Your positions are continually being harassed by deliberate and indiscriminate firing."

Iraq says army in control in north

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq on Friday denied an Iranian claim that Iranian forces had killed or wounded 1,500 Iraqi soldiers on the northern war front and said the Iraqi army was in control of the area. Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), said the latest fighting was in the area near Mawat, a strategic town in Iraqi Kurdistan that Iran claims to have captured. Summarising action in the area since Tuesday night, the agency said Iraqi troops were driven off two strategic heights by Iranian combatants, who also seized a number of tanks and other weapons. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted a military spokesman as denying that Iraqi forces sustained losses in the area. It quoted him as saying Iraqi forces killed or wounded thousands of Iranians and were in full control of the region. Elsewhere in the Gulf, an Iraqi warplane hit the Iranian supertanker Deana on Wednesday, the fifth time the vessel has been hit in the Gulf war, Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported. Shipping sources said the 372,201-tonne vessel had just left a Dubai dry dock after repairs from the previous strike.

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Lebanese pound hits new low

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese pound slipped to a record low against the dollar for the fourth straight day on Friday amid fears of a runaway slump in its value, dealers said. The pound closed at 148.50 to the dollar, down more than one pound from Thursday's close of 147.45. The dollar rate touched 150 pounds in some banks and went higher in unofficial markets during the day, dealers said.

Stark sails for home

BAHRAIN (R) — The USS Stark, the devastation caused by an Iraqi air strike patched up, is heading home escorted by three U.S. warships after slipping quietly out of Bahrain, the U.S. navy announced Friday. Navy spokesman Stephen Honda announced in a brief statement that the missile frigate crippled May 17 left Bahrain under its own power Thursday for its home port of Mayport, Florida. The Stark apparently sailed without fanfare six weeks after an Iraqi Mirage F-1 fighter-bomber hit it with two French-made Exocet missiles while patrolling the Gulf, killing 37 sailors. Iraq claimed the pilot mistook the frigate for an Iranian warship. The timing of Friday's announcement indicated that the Stark and its escorts were already safely out of the Gulf and into the Arabian Sea.

Tunis jails 4 more fundamentalists

TUNIS (AP) — Four men were sentenced Friday to two years in prison for anti-government actions, the latest fundamentalists to be tried in a government crackdown against what officials call an Iran-backed plot to overthrow the government. The four were arrested for restraining a group of men at a mosque in a Tunis suburb and forcing them to pray. They were charged with assault.

Israeli court rejects Nakash appeal

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's supreme court has rejected an appeal by convicted French murderer William Nakash against his extradition to France, clearing the way for him to be deported. The three-judge panel ruled on Thursday that there were no grounds for delaying the extradition since justice ministry experts had fully complied with a previous court order by determining that his life would not be in danger in a French jail.

Cash and Lendl to clash in finals

WIMBLEDON (AP) — The Wimbledon odyssey of Jimmy Connors ended Friday as Australia's Pat Cash rode an almost-flawless performance into a championship match with top-ranked Ivan Lendl. Cash lost just one point on his serve in the first set and kept up a relentless torrent of aces, service winners and tie-breaker volleys to beat the 34-year-old American 6-4, 6-4, 6-1. Cash has lost just one set in the tournament. Lendl, seeking to underscore his number one ranking with a Wimbledon championship, wore down Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the opener on centre court 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 to reach the Sunday final for the second year in a row (See page 6).

Israel approves plan to pump West Bank water to settlements

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has approved a controversial plan to tap a major new water supply in the occupied West Bank, despite strong opposition from Palestinian leaders, military sources said Friday.

The sources, quoted by Reuters, said Mr. Rabin had authorised drilling at a site near Herodion, south-east of Bethlehem, on a well due to pump 18 million cubic metres of water a year, intended mostly to supply Jewish settlements in the West Bank. The mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Freij, has asked the United States to use its influence with Israel to try to stop the scheme, which he points out will deprive Arab villages on the edge of the desert of vital water sources. Officials at the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem said they were studying the project and commented that the issue of West Bank water rights had long been of high-level concern to the United States. "We're obviously going to be very interested in water use and the right of Palestinians to have enough access to and control over water to be able to plan, expand as need be and run their businesses and farms," a U.S. official said. He would not say whether the United States had expressed concern to Israel over the plan. In other developments in the occupied West Bank: — A bomb exploded in a bus on Friday wounding two people, a police spokesman said. The incident occurred at 10:20 as the bus approached Ashkelon 70 kilometres (45 miles) southwest of Jerusalem, said a police spokesman. It was the second bomb incident in a week. Last week a bus driver discovered a large bomb hidden in a dust bin after completing a haul from Bersheba to Tel Aviv. Police sappers detonated the bomb. Claims of responsibility for Friday's bomb blast were made on behalf of two rival Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) groups. An anonymous caller told an international news agency in Beirut that a commando group from the PLO's Force 17 placed the bomb on a bus carrying Israeli soldiers.

13, including 5 children, injured in Israeli air attack in Bekaa

AMMIQ, Lebanon (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes carried out bombing raids in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley on Friday and wounded 13 people in a five-minute blitz on a pro-Syrian militia base, witnesses said. The raid was the 18th on Lebanon this year, and so far 54 people have been killed and 219 wounded. The witnesses quoted by Reuters, said four jets fired 15 missiles at Syrian Social National Party (SSNP) buildings, including an old palace, on a hilltop outside Ammiq, 38 kilometres east of Beirut. Ten civilians, including five children and two women, were wounded along with three SSNP militiamen, two of them seriously, the witnesses said. Most of the missiles hit and severely damaged a military building. Five SSNP vehicles were also destroyed, but the witnesses said Syrian troops who man checkpoints with Lebanese army troops at the entrance to Ammiq were not hit. In Tel Aviv, a military spokesman said the aircraft attacked three buildings "used as a staging post" for anti-Israeli attacks. "Security sources" quoted by Reuters said Israeli troops also killed two civilians when they raked orange groves with machinegun fire at Ras Al Biyada, south of Tyre, near a crossing point into Israel's self-declared South Lebanon "security zone." SSNP officials and Libyan diplomat Ali Bashwah visited the scene of Friday's raid. One official said it was probably in retaliation for an SSNP attack last month on Israel and Israeli-backed militia forces inside the "security zone." He said three SSNP guerrillas died in the battle, which he said took place in the Hasbani river area. Ammiq, a mostly Christian village of some 500 residents set among vineyards on the western slope of the Bekaa Valley, lies some 37 kilometres northwest of the "security zone." SSNP members have also carried out more than a dozen



Austrian President Kurt Waldheim and his wife Elisabeth and Foreign Minister Alois Mock visit the Arab Potash Company plant at Ghor Safi

King and Waldheim resume talks in Aqaba

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter
AMMAN — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim resumed talks with His Majesty King Hussein at Aqaba on Friday after visiting Petra on the third day of his state visit to the Kingdom. Dr. Waldheim, Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock and their wives flew by helicopter to Petra, stopping to visit the Austrian-built Arab Potash Company plant at the Dead Sea, before continuing to Aqaba. The Austrian president was expected to hold the last round of talks with the King before returning home on Saturday. The Austrian leader expressed delight on Thursday at the warmth of his welcome in Jordan. During a tour of Jerash on the second day of his visit, he was quoted by Reuters as saying his reception had been "excellent, cordial — the best I could imagine." The King earlier showed his guests a view over the Jordan Valley and later the occupied Golan Heights from Umm Qais, a few kilometres from the junction of the Jordanian, Syrian and Israeli borders. "Security comes from peace, a just peace," the King told reporters. "Security is a frame of mind — of justice and of peace. Hopefully we will be able to achieve it." Dr. Mock, travelling with Dr. Waldheim, said Thursday the visit by the federal president to Jordan was an "extraordinary success." The trip to the Kingdom was only the second abroad for Dr. Waldheim since his election as Austrian president last year. "We were honoured by many symbols of sympathy," Dr. Mock told a press conference following talks with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. He said the Austrian

(photo on right) and the ancient Nabataean city of Petra on Friday (Petra photo)

Gemayel seeks Syrian understanding

BEIRUT (Agencies) — President Amin Gemayel believes he can do nothing to solve Lebanon's crisis until Syria drops its antagonism towards him, official sources said Friday. "I can do nothing if there is no understanding with Damascus," one source quoted Mr. Gemayel as telling visitors to his palace on Thursday. The sources said, however, Mr. Gemayel was encouraged by the possibility of improved U.S.-Syrian relations following the expected visit to Damascus soon of an American envoy, Reuters reported. Any improvement would be "very important... it would reflect positively on the Lebanese situation," Mr. Gemayel was quoted as saying. Syria has said it will not reopen talks with Mr. Gemayel until the government finds the killers of its key Lebanon ally, Prime Minister Rashid Karami, political sources say. Syrian-backed Muslim leaders have blamed the anti-Syrian "Lebanese Forces" militia for the June 1 assassination and say Mr. Gemayel is blocking investigations. Munif Oweidat, the first judge to investigate the murder, resigned. Press reports said Walid Ghamra, the new prosecutor, stayed away from his office on Thursday because he did not have an official car or an escort. One official source quoted Mr. Gemayel as saying Thursday: "I call on ministers to hold a cabinet session and to come up with decisions, which I will fully consider."

Shamir asks U.S. to stay out of Israeli affairs

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, responding to growing support in Washington for an international Middle East peace conference, has warned the United States to stay out of Israel's internal affairs. "Any interference in Israel's internal affairs can only change the current situation whereby the United States has the affection of all Israelis, regardless of their political opinions," he told visiting U.S. academics on Thursday. The idea of a United Nations sponsored peace conference has split Israel's coalition government. Mr. Shamir's comments were made Thursday to participants of a three-day symposium on Israeli-U.S. relations. Among those present were former U.S. Ambassadors to Israel Samuel Lewis and former State Department official Alfred Atherton. A Shamir spokesman said the prime minister was referring to American involvement in the launching of a possible international conference for Middle East peace. Mr. Shamir opposes convening such a broad-based conference, while American officials have spoken in favour of it as a step towards direct peace talks. Elder Israeli statesman Abba Eban said Thursday that Israel had created an insufferable situation by turning down an opportunity to negotiate with the Arabs. Mr. Eban, chairman of the Israeli parliament's foreign affairs and defence committee, told a news conference that Israel's only practical option for negotiations was participation in an international conference on Middle East peace. "There is no doubt that an insufferable situation has been created. There has never been a precedent to Israel refusing to respond to a possibility of negotiations," Mr. Eban said. "The choice now is between an international opening to direct negotiations and a continual stalemate in the peace process." Mr. Eban accused Mr. Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc of avoiding negotiations because of a desire to maintain Israeli control over the occupied Arab territories and over the 1.3 million Palestinians who live there. "Whoever wants the present situation of complete control over this population has no reason to want negotiations. Negotiations will change the current situation," he said.

TASS says U.S. seeking supremacy in Gulf and calls for new realism

Walters optimistic over U.N. move for Iran-Iraq ceasefire
MOSCOW (Agencies) — The official Soviet news agency TASS accused the United States on Friday of seeking military and political supremacy in the Gulf and called for new realism in the search for a settlement to the Iran-Iraq war. The charge followed comments in Moscow on Thursday by Vernon Walters, the U.S. envoy to the United Nations, that a ceasefire resolution binding on all U.N. members could be presented to the Security Council in the next few weeks. TASS made no reference to the U.N. peace moves. "If anyone is trying by all means possible to assert military and political supremacy in the Gulf region, then it is the United States, who have declared it a zone of its vital interests," TASS said. It said the investigation into the secret sales of U.S. arms to Iran and the diversion of some of the funds to contra rebels in Nicaragua provided new evidence daily of the U.S. aims in the Gulf. "In the search for a path to regulating the crisis it is necessary to look realistically for peace, throw out old principles and standards, and re-examine former foreign policy concepts in accordance with new realities." "Otherwise policy will be condemned to taking dangerous, unpredictable turns," TASS said. Soviet President Andrei Gromyko on Thursday called for

Italian parliament convenes

ROME (AP) — Amid shouted protests by neo-fascists, feminists and ecologists, Italy's legislature opened Thursday for its inaugural session. "We're not in a public square," shouted Deputy Aldo Aniasi, vice president of the previous parliament, as he banged a gavel and rang a bell to instill order among unruly members of the chamber of deputies. In the Senate, meanwhile, former Defence Minister Giovanni Spadolini, a Republican, was voted president of the Upper House of Parliament. The selection of leaders for the two chambers of the legislature has been linked to a possible solution of Italy's long government crisis, triggered in March when Mr. Bettino Craxi, resigned as premier in a power struggle between his Socialists and the dominant Christian Democrat Party. Mr. Craxi's resignation came when the Christian Democrats insisted it was time for them to reclaim the premiership. Mr. Craxi has backed the 62-year-old Spadolini, a veteran of Italian politics, for the Senate presidency, and Nilda Iotti, a communist incumbent, for the speaker of the chamber. Christian Democrat leaders have in turn indicated they would accept those candidates if they were given the premier's office.

Gorbachev: NATO wants to dismantle Soviet system

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev accused North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) on Friday of hindering a superpower medium-range arms pact by proposals that amounted to an attempt to dismantle the Soviet system. Mr. Gorbachev told a Kremlin banquet for visiting Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi that NATO leaders had failed to find constructive ideas on how to build East-West relations if nuclear weapons were eliminated and confrontation renounced. "If the view of the NATO, leaders on the prospects for world development in the 21st century is presented in as simple a form as possible, what becomes exposed is their perplexity and lack of realism," he said. "We propose dismantling the entire system of weapons of mass annihilation and reducing other weapons to the level of sensible sufficiency." "In response we are being offered a dismantling of a social system — our system," Mr. Gorbachev said in his speech, reported by the official TASS news agency. "The absurdity of this 'dilemma' does not even deserve refutation." Mr. Gorbachev, who did not specify how NATO's proposals could be aimed at dismantling the Soviet system, also accused the Western alliance of clinging to "the now utterly unacceptable concept" of nuclear deterrence. In a related development, both Washington and Moscow have denied that the superpowers had ironed out their differences on the elimination of medium-range missiles from Europe. Reports said Wednesday that a senior Soviet official had proposed a compromise two weeks ago in Geneva to U.S. negotiator Maynard Giltman and Washington had accepted the proposal and was awaiting the Soviets to formalise it. However, State Department spokesman Charles Redman told questioners late Wednesday that Moscow and Washington had not reached any such agreement. He declined specific comment on the reports. "Our negotiators are hard at work," Redman said. "They have discussed a number of ideas with their Soviet counterparts. But the bottom line is that we have not reached an agreement, either formal, informal, in principle, a handshake, or otherwise." In Moscow, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman also said there was no agreement in Geneva. The spokesman, Boris D. Fyadyshev, told reporters that there would also be no reason for Soviet Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to visit Washington until an agreement in principle was reached. U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock met with Mr. Shevardnadze on Tuesday and delivered a letter from President Ronald Reagan to Mr. Gorbachev, Fyadyshev said. He declined to discuss its contents.

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Diplomatic standoff between Iran and France enters fourth day

PARIS (Agencies) — A diplomatic standoff between France and Iran entered its fourth day Friday with police controlling access to the Iranian embassy where an employee whose testimony is wanted in connection with a wave of bombings in Paris last September has taken refuge.

A member of the staff at the French embassy in Tehran said by telephone a dozen police remained outside the building but Charge d'Affaires Pierre Lafrance was permitted to leave Thursday night and returned later.

A high-ranking French Foreign Ministry official, Didier Destreumeau, who is responsible for North Africa and the Middle East, said he expected the situation to calm down.

French President Francois Mitterrand, returning from a state visit to Finland, held an emergency meeting that ended near midnight with Prime Minister Jacques Chirac and Interior Minister Charles Pasqua brought up to date on the dispute.

Interviewed on French Radio, Destreumeau denied he had been in touch with the Iranian employee Wahid Gerdji to warn him

police were looking for him as Iranian Charge d'Affaires Gholam Reza Haddadi charged at a news conference Thursday night.

Destreumeau also denied having been in touch with Haddadi. "Listen, it's better not to pour oil on the fire in French-Iranian relations," Destreumeau told an interviewer. "The embassy of Iran has said something, and I think it's something else, and I think this will calm down. Things are going better, God willing, in the best of worlds."

A Tehran French embassy employee, who wanted to remain anonymous, said the 14 men and 14 women inside the building were receiving supplies regularly.

"The situation is normal," she said. "We have all we need. We are not bothered...the atmosphere is good. We are not at all concerned."

The employee confirmed Mr. Lafrance's departure and return to the embassy but said he was too busy to come to the telephone.

She said the staff learned of Mr. Gerdji's presence in the Iranian embassy in Paris by radio. Mr. Gerdji, who is officially employed as a translator by the embassy, appeared in that function at Mr. Haddadi's news conference.

Mr. Haddadi said Mr. Gerdji had been at the embassy since June 3 during a sweep in which 57 people were rounded in a police crackdown on terrorism. Among those detained were eight Iranians who were later expelled.

Mr. Gerdji was not at home at the time and the French press speculated he had left the country to avoid questioning.

"Until a new statement from the French authorities in accord with our position Gerdji will continue to work inside the Iranian embassy and we hope for a rapid solution to this problem so he can return to his apartment."

Tension over the Gerdji affair began mounting Tuesday after

French police surrounded the embassy, located in the 16th district near the Trocadero palace, and began checking identities those entering and leaving.

The police, in bullet proof vests and carrying automatic weapons, continued that process during the day outside the embassy as a normal contingent of riot police looked on. Witnesses spotted a police sharpshooter on the roof of a nearby building.

Tehran warned Wednesday that the stakeout could lead to "dire consequences."

Western diplomatic sources in Paris said Mr. Gerdji was an important go-between in efforts to free French hostages held in Lebanon.

Iranian Foreign Minister Akbar Ali Velayati was reported as saying that the current diplomatic embassy row was caused by French political in-fighting.

Because of internal differences, France was not able to take a stand on important international issues, Iran's national news agency IRNA reported him as telling a news conference in Rome on Thursday.

Israeli reservists said to have abandoned their base

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The army is investigating allegations that a group of reserve soldiers abandoned a base for about a week, a military spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman refused to give the base's location, citing security reasons, but an Israeli newspaper indicated it was in the occupied West Bank.

The incident allegedly occurred in May, although no word of it leaked to the media until Friday, three days after state comptroller Yaacov Maltz published a scathing report criticising the army for lack of discipline.

The spokesman, who spoke conditionally of anonymity in keeping with military regulations, said the army was checking into allegations that three or four reservists deserted their base. It was not clear why they left.

The Yediot Ahronot daily said the base in question was surrounded by Palestinian Arab villages and in an area under the jurisdiction of Central Command, which mostly rules the territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

The newspaper said a group of regular troops discovered the base had been deserted during a routine patrol.

The comptroller's report released Tuesday found 76 per cent of the training accidents investigated by the comptroller last year were due to "negligence and failure to follow orders."

Israel has a compulsory three-year draft for men aged 18. After age 21, most men do 40 days reserve duty annually until about the age of 50.

U.S. congressional team in Gulf to investigate defence adequacy

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — An American congressional delegation led by Representative Les Aspin investigated Friday the adequacy of protection for American warships in the Gulf.

The delegation of 12 congressmen headed by Mr. Aspin, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, arrived in Bahrain on Thursday at the start of a tour of the Gulf region.

It was accompanied by 15 congressional staff members. A key part of their programme is a conference with Rear Adm. Harold Bernsen, commander of the U.S. Middle East Task Force, whose warships will provide protection to 11 Kuwaiti tankers re-registered under the American flag.

One of the warships, the USS Stark, was hit by an Iraqi missile on May 17. American and Iraqi officials have said the attack was accidental.

U.S. embassy and navy officials refused to give details of the team's activities. Bahrain authorities said the delegation conferred with Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa on Thursday.

The probe is designed to help Congress make up its mind on President Ronald Reagan's decision to reflag the Kuwaiti tankers, in view of criticism of the policy following the Stark tragedy.

The six-unit Gulf force is being reinforced with three more warships later this month. The battleship USS Missouri is also to be stationed just outside the Strait of Hormuz, gateway of the Gulf.

The United States is postponing plans to dispatch helicopters to Kuwait while Saudi Arabia tries to marshal an Arab flotilla to handle mines apparently laid by Iran in the Gulf, Pentagon sources say.

The navy had planned to send a squadron of minesweeping M-53E sea dragon helicopters and sonar equipment to deal with the threat, according to the sources, who spoke Thursday only on condition of anonymity.

Those plans were delayed because Saudi Arabia has four U.S.-made minesweepers and is "trying to organise a force from the other Gulf states, rather than introduce a lot more U.S. or Western equipment," one Pentagon source said.

An 18-member U.S. "explosion ordinance disposal" team, operating from small craft, continued to patrol off the main Kuwaiti port of Ahmadi to locate new mines and either remove or mark the 11 mines already found. It was unclear late Wednesday how many already had been removed.

Examination of the mines showed them to be Soviet-made Mark-68s, apparently sold to Iran by North Korea, which has been one of the major arms suppliers in the Iran-Iraq war.

The cruisers Reeves and Worden, which had been assigned to the Indian Ocean fleet, joined the force in and around the Gulf this week, navy sources said.

The destroyers Coontz and Conyngham and the frigate Stephen W. Groves were scheduled to leave the Gulf with the frigate Stark.

Taking the place of those ships will be the destroyer Kidd and the frigates Klakring and Flaxley.

The Stark had a Phalanx system, but it was not fired during the Exocet attack. The Coontz, Conyngham and Groves were designed in such a way that they cannot carry the Phalanx, navy sources said, but they have surface-to-air missiles and decoy devices for defence against anti-ship missiles.

Although Iran is believed responsible for the mines found off Kuwait, the government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has not used its most potent military weapon, about two dozen Chinese-made Silkworm anti-ship missiles that are believed to be stored in the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, according to Pentagon sources.

Meanwhile Iranian Revolutionary Guards have reinforced naval bases at strategic islands near the Strait of Hormuz in the Gulf to counter possible U.S. attacks, Iran's official news agency (IRNA) reported Thursday.

The increasing tension between Iran and the U.S. came as Washington pushed ahead with plans to re-register 11 Kuwaiti tankers in the United States, a move that would afford them the protection of the U.S. navy against possible Iranian attacks.

Iranian leaders have blasted Kuwaiti plans for superpower protection of its oil shipments, and warned the United States not to interfere in the Gulf.

Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani Thursday again warned the Americans, and said the Iranian people are very keen to fight U.S. forces, IRNA reported.

He also said some U.S. officials were trying to persuade President Ronald Reagan that the situation in the Gulf was "very dangerous."

Iranian Revolutionary Guards spokesman Ali Reza Akbar said Iranian naval bases on small islands in the Gulf have been strengthened against possible U.S. attack, IRNA reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, did not give further details.

Small islands near the Strait of Hormuz, namely Abu Musa, have been used by Revolutionary Guards as bases for attacks on shipping in recent months.

Hussein Alai, commander of the Revolutionary Guards Navy, was quoted by IRNA as saying a large number of fighters have been stationed on the island of Abu Musa. He said necessary contingency plans have been readied to deal "destructive blows" on the U.S. in the region if necessary.

Alfashar, the Revolutionary Guards spokesman, made his statement in the naval port of Bandar Abbas at the Hormuz. He said Iran had responded to American threats to attack Iranian missile bases by "taking steps to reduce the vulnerability of these bases."

He did not elaborate on these defences.

Hizbollah warns U.S. not to attack Iran

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) militia has said it would hit at U.S. interests if the United States attacked Iran in the Gulf.

"American military intervention in the Gulf would be a serious aggression aimed against not only Iran but all the Muslims," Hizbollah said in a statement.

"We would find ourselves compelled to confront this devilish (U.S.) aggression and bit (U.S.) interests wherever they are and in any way we see fit, the Shi'ite Muslim militants said."

The United States plans to give U.S. naval protection this month to 11 Kuwaiti tankers flying the American flag following repeated Iranian attacks on Kuwaiti shipping.

Muslim militia sources say Shi'ite clans linked to Hizbollah hold many of the 29 foreigners missing, believed kidnapped in Lebanon, including 10 Americans.

Hizbollah denies any link to kidnappings, but its spokesman on Sunday spoke out in defence of the hostage-takers and said any means were fair in an "open war" with the West.

Thursday's statement said Muslims in Lebanon and around the world were "stronger than most believe."

Israeli youth favour Eban, Netanyahu

TEL AVIV (AP) — A poll published Friday indicated young voters prefer veteran politician Abba Eban of the left-leaning Labour Party, and relative newcomer Benjamin Netanyahu of the right-wing Likud to lead their parties, the Jerusalem Post reported.

Eban was chosen by 82 per cent of poll respondents as Israel's most respected political leader.

The Post said Neil Sahar, head of a Parliamentary Youth Organisation, conducted the poll of 604 18-year-olds during the week ending June 19.

Seventy-one per cent of those questioned favoured South African-born Eban, 72, as Labour Party leader.

Eban, a former foreign minister and ambassador to the United States, is currently chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Only 21 per cent of those polled selected current Labour Party leader Shimon Peres to head the party.

Sixty-six per cent of the sample chose Netanyahu to lead the Likud. Netanyahu, 38, entered public life less than three years ago when he was appointed Israeli ambassador to the United Nations.

The report did not say how many youths preferred current party leader Yitzhak Shamir.

Rabin reports Soviet peace bid in Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union has offered to hold a peace conference in Moscow to settle the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq, according to the Israeli defence minister.

The offer was made during a "red-carpet" visit to Tehran by Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Voronotsov early last month. Yitzhak Rabin told reporters on Thursday as he wound up three days of talks in Washington on the Lavi jet fighter project.

"The Iranians refused," Rabin said.

Iraq, on the other hand, realises it cannot defeat Iran and would end the seven-year-old conflict under pre-war conditions, Rabin said.

Mr. Voronotsov also visited Baghdad, which receives much of its weaponry from the Soviets.

Rabin said Iraq has about 6,000 tanks and Iran about 1,000 and that Iraq holds a similar edge of 600 to a little more than 100 in jet fighters.

Some State Department officials seemed unaware of the Soviet overture. Spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley refused to say whether Rabin's report came as a surprise.

But another U.S. official, who demanded anonymity, said "I've been told there was an offer and that the Russians were also pushing a ceasefire in the Gulf."

Amal reportedly holds 175 Palestinians

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — The Shi'ite Muslim Amal militia is holding more than 175 Palestinians, a spokesman for the Palestinian Prisoners Committee said Friday.

He told Reuters that half of them were seized since Amal's Palestinian fighting ended.

An Amal spokesman in Beirut denied this. But an Amal statement from South Lebanon published Friday said: "The campaign to arrest all arms smugglers and troublemakers in Tyre and the South will not stop... for the benefit of the Palestinian and Lebanese people."

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15:55	Cartoons	* An art exhibition by Omar Boudal at the Housing Bank Centre's gallery (until July 18).		07:45 Damascus (RJ)		Civil Defence Unit 271293, 273131	
16:20	Children's programmes	* French archaeological exhibition at French Cultural Centre runs through July 9.		08:30 Karachi, Dubai (RJ)		Civil Defence Qawwashim 770733	
16:30	Scientific programme	SERVICE CLUBS		09:30 Sana'a, Jeddah (RJ)		Civil Defence Deir Alla 57306	
17:30	Arabic series	CULTURAL CENTRES		10:45 Dhahran (add.) (RJ)		Ambulance 193, 775111	
17:40	Chucky	Rajal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610267		10:45 Dhahran (add.) (RJ)		Amman downtown 771258	
18:55	Iraq News Letter	American Centre 643771		10:50 Abu Dhabi (RJ)		First aid 639141	
19:50	Special Symposium on Hittin Battle	American Centre library 641520		10:50 Dhahran (RJ)		Blood Bank 778303	
19:55	Programme Review	British Council 6361478		11:15 Cairo, Agaba (RJ)		Civil Defence rescue 661111	
20:00	News in Arabic	French Cultural Centre 670009		11:15 Cairo (RJ)		Fire headquarters 661111	
20:30	Celebration of Hittin Battle	Goethe Institute 641993		12:35 New York, Vienna (RJ)		Police rescue 192, 621111, 637777	
21:30	Arabic series	Soviet Cultural Centre 642023		13:00 Athens (RJ)		Police headquarters 639141	
22:30	Documentary on Jerusalem	Turkish Cultural Centre 639777		19:05 Copenhagen, Frankfurt (RJ)		Traffic police 895390-1	
23:00	News Summary in Arabic	Haya Arts Centre 655195		19:15 Istanbul (RJ)		Electric Power Co. 636314, 624881	
23:10	Close down	Hussein Youth City 6671816		20:40 Tripoli (RJ)		Municipal water complaints 771258	
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				10:30 Kuwait (add.) (KU)			
				13:20 Cairo (MS)			
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				15:45 Tripoli (LN)			
				16:10 Riyadh (SV)			
				17:30 Baghdad (RJ)			
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				23:30 Dhahran (add.) (SV)			
				06:25 Frankfurt (LH)			
				05:20 Riyadh (add.) (SV)			

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5 killed, 5 injured in separate accidents

MA'AN, Irbid (J.T.) — Five people were killed and five others were injured in two separate road accidents which occurred in Ma'an and Irbid.

Three died and four were injured Thursday morning when a lorry collided with a bus owned by a travel and tourist agency.

Police sources said the bus was heading for Ma'an from Aqaba when it hit the lorry heading

towards Aqaba. The bus driver was among those killed, the sources said. The accident occurred between Ma'an and Aqaba near Wadi Mousa junction.

In Irbid, two people aged 19 and 21 were killed and one other injured Thursday, when their car overturned after the driver lost control of the vehicle. The accident occurred along the Rafid-Hartha road.

NEWS IN BRIEF

King condolences Al Qadi family

IRBID (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein called at the house of Qadi family and Bani Khabib tribes in Housha, and offered his condolences to them over the death of the late Sheikh Saud Al Qadi. King Hussein was accompanied Thursday by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. Also offering condolences to Al Qadi family was Sharif Jamil Ibn Naser, who deputised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Abu Taleb returns from Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) — Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleb returned home Thursday, ending a several day official visit to Iraq. Lt-Gen. Abu Taleb was received in an audience by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and met with a number of Iraqi officials. He also visited some of the Iraqi military sites.

Husseini receives Yemeni delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Communications Muhieddine Husseini, who is also chairman of the Telecommunications Corporations board of directors, received the Arab Yemen Republic delegation headed by Under Secretary of the Ministry of Communications and Transport Mohammad Al Arshi and discussed with him means of developing cooperation between the two countries. The meeting was attended by Telecommunications Director General Mohammad Shahid Ismail.

Belgian economic delegation visits ACC

AMMAN (Petra) — A visiting delegation representing the Belgian-Luxembourg Chambers of Commerce visited the Amman Chamber of Commerce (ACC) Thursday, where they were received by its chairman, Hamdi Al Tabba'a, who briefed them on the activities of the commercial sector in Jordan. Mr. Tabba'a also discussed with the visiting delegation prospects for increasing commercial cooperation between Belgium and Jordan and setting up joint projects.

Reception held for Tunis industrial fair

TUNIS (Petra) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba's son, who is member of the political bureau and chairman of the regional Information and Communication Institute, visited the 2nd Industrial Jordanian exhibition, currently held here. He expressed satisfaction at the advanced level of Jordanian industries and products. Upon arrival at the exhibition site, President Bourguiba's son was received by Jordan's ambassador to Tunisia, Talal Sata'an Al Hassan. On Thursday night, Mr. Al Hassan held a reception in honour of senior Tunisian officials, ambassadors accredited to Tunisia and Tunisian businessmen and economists.



ORPHANAGE VISIT: Her Majesty Queen Noor (left) and Austria's First Lady, Elisabeth Waldheim (right), visit the SOS Children's Village near the town of Tareq on Thursday. The village, built by the Austria-based SOS Children's Villages Association, provides care for 43 male and female orphaned children through donations and local contributions. The children are offered a home-like atmosphere under the supervision of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation. Village officials and Minister of Labour and Social Development Khaleel Al Haj Hassan briefed the visitors on the services and activities provided, and accompanied them on a tour of the village grounds. The Queen and Mrs. Waldheim met with the children and gave them gifts and toys. The SOS village was formally opened by Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor in May.



S. Arabia signs agriculture accord

AMMAN (J.T.) — Saudi Minister of Agriculture Abdul Rahman Ibn Abdul Aziz Al Al Sheikh concluded a three-day visit to Jordan and left for home Thursday. During his stay, he met with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahhab Al Majali, and other officials to discuss Jordanian-Saudi cooperation in agricultural affairs.

On Thursday morning, the Saudi minister and his Jordanian counterpart Marwan Hmood signed a memorandum of understanding organising agricultural investments and the exchange of expertise in agricultural-related affairs.

The memorandum provides for

Saudi Arabia to sell Jordan amounts of wheat and calls for the formation of a Jordanian-Saudi Arabian committee to organise the transactions.

The memorandum also calls on the two countries to exchange information and expertise concerning cereal production and combating diseases affecting crops and farm animals. The two countries will also cooperate in such matters as sheep fattening, irrigation, fish breeding and the training of personnel in agricultural techniques.

Jordan expressed a desire to benefit from Saudi Arabia's experience in recycling treated wastewater for agriculture, water de-

salination and water drainage technology.

Both sides agreed to increase the volume of crops exchanged by the countries and to pave the way for investments in agricultural projects in Jordan.

Before his departure the Saudi minister described his talks in Amman as part of an ongoing process of consultations and coordination to bolstering bilateral ties.

The Saudi minister said the memorandum will facilitate the flow of crops into both countries and give impetus for the exchange of expertise designed to promote agricultural development in both countries.

JVA to receive W. German assistance

AMMAN (Petra) — West Germany has pledged to help the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) develop its workshops and maintenance stations in the Jordan Valley region to provide better services to local farmers.

The agreement was contained in memoranda exchange on

Thursday by West German ambassador to Jordan, Herwig Bartels and Minister of Planning Dr. Taher Kanaan.

The memorandum provides for West Germany to send a team of mechanical engineers and workshop and warehouse managers to

work for the JVA and help it execute its programmes in modernising its facilities.

West Germany will also supply equipment for maintaining engines and spare parts for the machines provided earlier through West German assistance.

Jordan and Poland to swap students

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan and Poland signed a three-year agreement Thursday in which Poland will offer three scholarships to Jordanian Ph.D. students to conduct their studies in Poland and offer five scholarships to other post-graduate studies.

Poland will also allow up to 30 Jordanian students to study at

Polish universities. In return, Jordan will offer five annual scholarships to Polish students to study Arabic. Both countries will also exchange visits by university lecturers and teachers.

The programme also covers an exchange of cultural teams, art exhibitions, documentaries,

periodicals and visits by journalists and sports teams to both countries.

The memorandum was signed by Dr. Ahmad Fadl, under secretary of the Ministry of Higher Education and Poland's ambassador to Jordan Ludwik Janczyn.

Arrangements for pilgrims completed

AMMAN (Petra) — The registration of pilgrims to Mecca and Medina has ended and convoys of pilgrims coming from the occupied Arab territories will begin arriving in Jordan on July 13 to head for Saudi Arabia, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat announced Friday.

A total of 17,698 male and female Muslims from the East Bank, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and Palestinian territories occupied since 1948, will participate in this year's pilgrimage to the holy cities.

The pilgrims will require 350 buses which will travel in convoys through Jordanian territory to Saudi Arabia and back under the supervision of the Ministry of Awqaf. The ministry will provide a delegation of 150 officials and guides to assist the pilgrims during the trip, the minister said.

Under Secretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Ahbadi, will head the team of officials accompanying the Muslim pilgrims, he added.

The ministry is now assigning homes and tents to the pilgrims at Mecca and nearby holy places and preparing to receive pilgrims from the occupied territories at Ghor Nimrein in the Jordan Valley's pilgrims' city. All pilgrims passing through Jordanian territory will be charged a minimal fee of JD 1.

Refugees panel calls for improved services

AMMAN (J.T.) — The 39th conference on Palestinian refugees ended in Amman Thursday with the delegates calling for improved services for the residents of the refugee camps inside and outside the Israeli-occupied Arab lands.

Representatives from Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, along with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Arab League attended the conference and urged the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to ensure better services and improve the living conditions of the Palestinian refugees.

A statement issued at the end of the week-long meeting said Jordan and the PLO will conduct a study on the conditions of the refugee camps in occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip and submit to the Arab League recommendations to improve services to the refugees.

The conference urged the UN-

RWA commissioner general to seek more assistance for the refugees from the United Nations General Assembly and ensure a larger budget for the agency's operations.

Jordan has been entrusted by the conference to draw up a detailed study on the question of Israel's plans to draw underground water from the occupied Bethlehem region.

Israeli population centres, according to Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, were trying to dry up all the existing water wells in the region. The Israeli English-language Jerusalem Post newspaper said the water will benefit Israeli settlements built on the occupied West Bank.

The conference also recommended that Arab countries hosting refugees unite their stand for the upcoming Vienna meeting of countries involved in the affairs of the refugees.

Children's Congress visits Jordanian homes

AMMAN (J.T.) — The 67 Arab children participating in this year's 7th annual Arab Children's Congress were taken on visits to Jordanian families Friday which ended with recreational activities at amusement parks and sight-seeing tours of the capital.

The children, from 15 Arab countries, and hosted by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), were invited for a week-long stay during which they will take part in cultural and recreational activities and will tour different development projects and archaeological sites.

They will also be received by Her Majesty Queen Noor, who is

the patron of the annual gatherings.

On their first day here on Thursday, the children toured Amman's Hays Arts Centre, the Roman amphitheatre in downtown Amman and folk museums.

They were also taken on visits to the Martyr's Monument, where they inspected photographs and items that display the development of the Armed Forces. After that, the group toured the Royal Automobile Club.

The Arab Children's Congress, which was initiated by Queen Noor, brings together Arab children to learn about Jordan.

Hamzeh lays foundation for 3 health centres

IRBID (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Thursday laid down the foundation stones of three comprehensive health centres in Irbid Governorate.

The three centres, located in Sarih, Sama Al Roussan and Kufri Youba in Irbid Governorate, will cost JD 500,000.

The new centres will provide maternal and child health services, delivery services, labora-

tory and radiology services, in addition to first aid and ambulance services.

The centres will also treat cases referred to them by other health centres in the neighbouring villages.

The construction of these three centres is designed to ease pressure on Princess Basma Hospital, the only government hospital in Irbid.

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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Austria rallies for peace

THE Austrian foreign minister has reaffirmed his country's support for the idea of an international Middle East conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict and establish a lasting peace in this part of the world. Addressing a press conference in Amman, the minister said that the United Nations Security Council should sponsor such conference in which the PLO alongside all other parties should participate. This reaffirmation is in line with the firm Austrian courageous stand with regard to the rights of the Palestinian people who have been subjected to so much suffering and so much injustice. This Austrian stand brought to President Waldheim and his nation continued attacks by world Zionism which does not want to see justice established in the Middle East but rather wants to perpetuate Israel's occupation of Arab land. But it seems that the Austrian people who elected Waldheim as their president are totally disregarding this campaign and standing firm in the face of a United States ban imposed on Waldheim's visits to America. The Zionist campaign has therefore backfired and did more harm to the Israelis and their allies than to marring the reputation of the president. The Austrian minister voiced his belief that Waldheim's visit to Jordan would open the way wide for stronger Arab-Austrian relations based on mutual respect, and serving the causes of peace and justice around the whole world.

Al Dustour: Welcoming a man of peace

KING Hussein welcomed President Waldheim in Jordan and expressed appreciation of his integrity and his wisdom. The monarch also referred to Austria's role as a neutral country in the heart of Europe and praised this great nation which respects and exercises democracy and enjoys the respect of the Eastern and the Western nations. Ever since Waldheim assumed his post as secretary general of the United Nations he has dedicated his efforts to serve the cause of peace and gave his utmost attention to the Arab-Israeli conflict which is a cause of concern to all nations. Jordan still remembers Waldheim's services as secretary general and appreciates his arrangements for holding the 1973 Geneva peace conference and his efforts aimed at implementing Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 which would bring about a lasting peace to the Middle East. For his services and his unbiased stands Waldheim who had won the respect of world nations and his own people is now welcomed in Jordan and the Arab World which deeply appreciates this statesman's services to humanity. In replying to the King's speech at a banquet in his honour Waldheim paid tribute to the King's efforts for peace and reiterated his country's support for an international Middle East peace conference as the only practical way for reaching a settlement. Austrian-Jordanian relations which have been developing over the years are bound to witness further progress as a result of Waldheim's historic visit to this country.

Sawt Al Shaab: Their masters' voice

THE Lebanese people who have been suffering from civil strife for so long are now facing a call by the so-called Lebanese Forces and their leader for the establishment of a separate government in East Beirut. The Lebanese people have been living through a whirlpool of fighting, economic disaster, explosions and killing, all leading to the destruction of the Lebanese state. The Lebanese Forces' call for a separate government in Beirut is bound to consecrate conspiracies and civil designs perpetrated by the Israelis who strive to keep Lebanon a divided country and easy to control and occupy. Zionism has been striving to transform Lebanon into mini-states serving as buffer zone and causing no real danger to Israel. It seems that the Lebanese Forces are now trying to implement the Israeli plan and designs and helping to achieve the objectives of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. These ideas now surface at a time when the Lebanese are hoping for national reconciliation and lasting peace. These ideas are totally rejected by the Lebanese people who still adhere to their unity and their territorial integrity.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: A show of appreciation

AUSTRIAN President Kurt Waldheim has begun an official visit to Jordan; and this presents an opportunity for Jordanians to express appreciation to this statesman for his integrity and his wisdom. King Hussein, in welcoming the president in Jordan, voiced this country's general feeling and expressed pride in receiving a great man whose nation attaches great importance to human values. The Austrian nation despite the vindictive and slanderous campaigns directed against Waldheim by world Zionism, has chosen him as president because he devoted his life to serve the cause of peace. In welcoming the Austrian president, King Hussein referred to the Austrian people's confidence in their leader, and also to the confidence invested in Dr. Waldheim by the world community which chose him as secretary general of the United Nations. The Austrian-Jordanian relations have continually been developed, but Waldheim's visit here is bound to give further impetus to this development process and is bound to open the way for wider scopes of bilateral cooperation based on mutual respect and aimed at enhancing the cause of world peace, stability and justice.

Al Dustour: Jordan warmly receives

Waldheim

JORDAN Wednesday opened its arms, warmly welcoming the Austrian President Dr. Kurt Waldheim not only because he is head of a friendly nation but also because of his remarkable, historic stands in support of just Arab causes during his mandate as secretary general of the United Nations. The Jordanian people went out to welcome the Austrian president and to back his stands in the face of Zionist attempts to mar his past and his record, and in appreciation of his courageous stand seeking peace and justice. Dr. Waldheim's visit to Jordan serves as a reply against malicious and hostile campaigns directed against him in a clear attempt to take revenge for his unbiased stand while serving as U.N. secretary general. Jordan denounces these campaigns as political blackmail which Israel and world Zionism have been maintaining world-wide, and the Jordanian people's warm welcome for Waldheim reflects this country's revulsion of such attitudes and their evil objectives. As we warmly welcome the distinguished guest of Jordan, we remember his services to his nation and to the world community at large. We hope that this visit will further bolster Jordanian-Austrian ties and abort all attempts to dissuade the Austrian leader from deviating from his sound policies of supporting world peace and justice.

View from Amman

Arab politics crisis: The negative legacy

By Kamel S. Abu Jaber

HOW did the Arab World come to find itself in the grip of its contemporary political crisis? A crisis whose spill-over effects continue to threaten the future of the entire region, a crisis whose most important manifestation has been that of leadership. Aside from Jordan and very few other regimes in the Arab World, few leaders can be described in anything but negative terms. Most are just functioning not always up to the level of the tasks before them. The question is not an idle one, for at the very historical moment that the nation needs capable leadership, who may introduce not only sight but also vision, not only a rational, but also an understanding approach, such has not been forthcoming except in very few places.

Perhaps we should look deep into ourselves, our history, our cultural heritage to identify at least some of the factors that have contributed to the dimensions of the crisis we have been analysing. No one will deny or even attempt to deny that certain aspects of our heritage have been luminous spots in the march of human civilisation. This is true in religion, the arts, the humanities, the sciences and technology. One thing however looms strange in our past as it does in our present, an element that seems to be a constant, which is that, while Arab civilisation was shining, even at its zenith, political authoritarianism, sometimes even despotism remained. There seems always to have been a lag, a gap between political and socio-economic development. Such a gap has historically been a major factor in our intellectual and political idealism. Unable to discuss meaningfully the affairs of the day because of the authoritarian nature of the government, Arab intellectuals looked to the glorious past that eventually, and with the passage of time,

became very idealised. This rejection of their present had two accompanying developments. One, a constant stream of writings apologising for why things are not the way they should be, and two, a total absence of any meaningful dialogue between the intellectuals, the ulama, and the state. This latter situation was exacerbated by the fact that because of the very nature of the entire system of Islam, no authority, whether religious or secular, could develop outside the apparatus of the state. It is thus that the dialogue that eventually developed into a struggle between the church and the state, that occurred in the West, and which was one of the major reasons for the eventual liberation of the individual from both authorities, did not develop in the Arab World.

That is one legacy. Another is the more recent and more immediate Western penetration and colonisation of major parts of the Arab World. Western colonisation following World War I emphasised an already well developed negative attitude towards authority, towards the state in the Arab World. To be sure the West as a threat to Arab security and Arab culture was a real one well before the World War I, a serious threat. The eminent orientalist W.C. Smith remarks, in one of his books, that the West has been a very serious threat to Islam at least since the Crusades and that the two civilisations across the Mediterranean have eyed each other with fear and suspicion for a very long time now. Both the Ottomans and more recently the Western colonial powers were viewed with fear and suspicion by the Arabs. The soldier and the tax collector were symbols of alien authority to be viewed with hatred and fear and resisted.

This legacy of foreign domination of a people who had, and still

have a very good image of themselves was not conducive to the development of an orderly dialogue or a rational system of government. This gap between the people and authority continues to be a major cause for the crisis now. The popular saying "He is a sultan who is far from the sultan" is indeed a heavy legacy to shoulder. In the words of the German sociologist Max Weber, the political anarchy that characterised Arab-Islamic society historically led not only to an increased emphasis on the Sharia as the only constant in an otherwise chaotic insecure life, but also to political quietism and a sense of fatalism. Instead of addressing themselves to public issues people then, as many of them continue to do now, get themselves busy or are kept busy with their private lives, their pleasures and pains. The explosion of a *nouveau riche*, conspicuous consumer class in many cities of the Arab World has been one negative result.

More recently, however, the legacy of the consecutive defeats in military confrontations with Israel has left its mark too. The average man enquires in bewilderment, "why this condition when we are told we have the human, and financial resources and justice on our side?" No plausible answer seems forthcoming in the absence of a meaningful dialogue between the leaders and the led. Both seem to be the prisoners of negative legacies of the vast distance between the ideal and the actual concept of the state; the geo-historical legacy of a people in a vastly strategic region of the world; the historical Western hostility and the more recent Western penetration and domination; the legacy of traditional suspicion and hostility towards the state; and finally the frustrating legacy of the successive defeats in confrontations with Israel.

King and Waldheim resume talks

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necessary element for the conference. He said "those who represent the Palestinians should take part, especially after (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat spoke clearly against international terrorism."

Asked how Dr. Waldheim's visit to Jordan would effect his international standing, the foreign minister said: "It will effect in a very positive way."

He said the Austrian president had been greeted by "a statesman with an outstanding international reputation, King Hussein."

Responding what he meant when he said in a recent interview with Jordanian journalists that he "wouldn't care" whether Israel reacted negatively to the state visit, Dr. Mock said: "If Israel chose to be negative, then I wouldn't care. Israel should not interfere with our bilateral relations with other countries."

On motives behind the campaign by Jewish groups and Israel to slander Dr. Waldheim by alleging that he was involved in war crimes during World War II, Dr. Mock said: "I would like to know myself what the motives are. However, everybody knew he was an executive instrument at the United Nations, behind resolutions in support of Third World countries." He said there were sanctions and decisions during Dr. Waldheim's tenure at the U.N. that "didn't please" members of the U.S. and Israeli administration.

"It's a campaign without findings, evidence or a piece of proof. The campaign was never justified by any evidence."

Asked about what was perceived as a weak reaction by the Austrian government to the U.S. decision in April to put Dr. Waldheim on a "watch list" of undesirable aliens, Dr. Mock said it was "a common decision in the government to react firmly but without hysteria."

"It should be understood by our American friends that the Christian Democrats and Socialists backed the president who had been elected directly by the people. The campaign leads nowhere."

He said that the Jewish allegations did not come up during the president's talks with the King.

On Austria's support of the Kingdom's five-year development plan for the Israeli-occupied Arab territories, Mr. Mock said that he had asked the Jordanian government for more detailed information on planned projects for consideration. "This will enable us find ways and means to contribute in a way that does not render more criticism." He did not elaborate.

Asked whether he believed Austria's neutrality was harmed by the Jewish allegations about the president's past, he said the strain in Vienna's relations with Tel Aviv and Washington did not affect Austria's standing in the Western World and the community of nations. He said he hoped the present problems eventually would be overcome.

Responding to a question on whether his government planned to send a new ambassador to Tel Aviv at the end of the current ambassador's term (by the end of this year) or refrain from representation at that level, he said that such a decision would depend on the nature of the political climate between Austria and Israel by that time. "Our ambassador is still in Tel Aviv. When he returns, we will see what decision to take, positive or negative."

At a reception for Amman's small Austrian community Thursday night, Dr. Waldheim rejected attacks against him as "baseless, false and unjustified."

He was quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, as saying these accusations "will not stop me from pursuing my efforts to seek peace and build international cooperation in safeguarding human rights... to spare our children and grandchildren the horrors of war."

Information Minister Mohammad Khatib hosted a lunch in honour of Dr. Waldheim and Mrs. Waldheim at the Petra Forum Hotel in Petra on Friday. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai had hosted a dinner Thursday evening to honour Dr. Waldheim and his wife. The banquet was attended by the King and Queen Noor.

Israel approves water scheme

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Damascus Radio reported that the Fatah-the Uprising faction said one of its groups working in Israel had rigged a high explosive charge on board the bus.

Both claims said a number of Israelis were wounded.

Israeli military authorities on Friday ordered the Al Najah University in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus closed for a day on Saturday to prevent possible protests.

Sources quoted by news agencies said the closure followed a call by the Shabiba youth movement of the Fatah movement for a "Palestine Week" of protest actions starting on Saturday.

The other main university in the West Bank, at Birzeit near Ramallah, was ordered closed for four months in April following a series of clashes between students and Israeli occupation troops.

Israeli police have arrested an Arab suspected of stabbing and wounding a soldier last week and trying to steal his rifle, the Itim news agency reported.

It said Balal Massawa, 21,

from the village of Taibeh, denied taking part in the attack. A court remanded Mr. Massawa in custody for 15 days, the report said.

Israeli sources said on Friday two Arabs drew knives on the soldier as he was hitch-hiking near Netanya but fled after a struggle during which the car in which all three were travelling overturned.

They said the soldier, wounded in the leg, limped to an army base and raised the alarm.

Israeli authorities imprisoned without trial for six months on Thursday a resident of the occupied West Bank suspected of belonging to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), police said.

Hassan Ayoun, 24, of Askar refugee camp near Nablus, was the fourth suspected DFLP member placed in administrative detention in 24 hours.

The newspaper Haaretz said that 41 administrative detentions had been ordered in the West Bank during the past two months, more than in the whole of 1986.

13 wounded in Israeli air raid

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Military censors delayed publication of the report for several hours until Israeli jets staged the air raid near Ammij.

AP reporter in the Bekaa said a villa hit in Friday's air raid was owned by Information Minister Joseph Skaff, and housed families of SSNP militiamen based

nearby.

Ambulances evacuated the casualties to hospitals in the nearby market town of Chitoura.

Six cars parked near the village were destroyed in the air strike, the reporter said.

The SSNP base, surrounded by pine woods, was not hit in the attack, the AP report said.

Israelis fear the pawns of the chessboard

By Susan Hattis Rolef

The writer is editor of the Israeli Labour movement, English-language monthly, *Spectrum*. Her article appeared last week in the *Jerusalem Post*.

RECENTLY, a military court in Hebron sentenced a local Arab after his conviction on charges of disorderly behaviour at Allenby Bridge. There is no doubt that the man had behaved in a disorderly manner at the Allenby Bridge, but why? Because he was not allowed to bring in a chess board. Apparently chessboards fall under the category of *amlach* (Hebrew acronym for "implements of warfare") — one can learn strategy on them.

This case is only exceptional in

that it came up in court, though in any normal democracy, the case would have involved the Arab's claim against the army which confiscated his chessboard, not a charge by the army against the Arab who resisted. It is not unusual for soldiers at Allenby Bridge to break women's high heels in search of "something," or to spill out their perfume, while personal belongings, including children's dolls, are confiscated. In addition, people are subject to humiliating body checks and unnecessary delays.

One usually hears about these events only in private conversations with Arabs in the territories, or from reserve duty soldiers who witnessed them. But since the people who cross the Allenby Bridge are usually fatalistic

Palestinians, who unlike we Israelis but like our forefathers, have learnt to keep silent in face of humiliations, few dare complain publicly or react violently. They just wait quietly for the day of revenge, which they are sure will come.

Even though some of these goings on are in keeping with the regulations, there is something very very wrong with them.

The humiliating treatment to which arriving Arabs are subjected when they cross the Jordan River does not help improve Israel's image abroad, nor does it help keep the Palestinians happy and quiet.

When these practices are not being denied, the explanations usually given in their defence are

"the Arabs don't understand any other language," or "if we don't act tough with them, the Arabs will lose their respect for us." If these are the explanations, it is we who have a problem, not the Arabs.

And so, as we approach the 70th anniversary of Allenby's entry into Jerusalem, perhaps we can honour the British general, whose name was attached to that miserable bridge across the River Jordan, with a show of human compassion and respect for basic human rights. Let us conduct security checks at the Allenby Bridge as we conduct them at Ben Gurion airport — with X-ray machines and polite security personnel, and let us allow children to keep their dolls and adults their perfume and chessboards.

Unholy alliance between Israel, U.S. evangelists bared

The following article is reprinted from the *Jeddah-based Arab News*.

By Patrick Werr

JEDDAH — Jimmy Carter has called it insightful, ministers are using it as a topic in their sermons, and the book is now taught in at least three universities as required reading.

A year after she finished it, interest in Grace Halsell's *Prophecy and Politics: Militant Evangelists on the Road to Nuclear War*, a detailed examination of the unholy link between Christian fundamentalists and the state of Israel, is now beginning to pick up.

For the first time, according to

Halsell, Americans are questioning their country's ties with Israel. The whole issue has been given added importance because of the Pollard spy affair, she said, and people are making connection with what she is saying in her book, excerpts from which were published in *Arab News*, and the sale of weapons in Iran, which was instigated by Israel.

Halsell, during a recent visit to Saudi Arabia, said she has frequently been asked to talk at universities and on radio programmes. "There are more reviews today and calls for me to appear on talk shows than there were when it first came out."

Some of the book's best support comes from fundamentalists alarmed by the cult of Israel and the talk that war is inevitable, she

said. "What pleases me is that ministers have taken it quite seriously."

Prophecy and Politics deals with the tie between militant evangelists and the state of Israel, "and the danger this means to the world."

Both groups make short-term goals, said Halsell. It gives the evangelists an advantage in gaining access to television, since most media are owned or controlled by Zionists. In the last few years, they have been given a carte blanche reception, with the Bakker case the only exception. For Israel, on the other hand, the advantage is the unquestioned support it receives from such important evangelists as Falwell, Bakker, and Robertson, who equate biblical Zion with the modern Zionist state that came in 1948.

The evangelists tell millions in America that no one should criticise Israel because it is the land of God and everything it does is orchestrated by God.

The resulting grass-roots support makes the Zionist lobby, extremely powerful in America. In the U.S., there are only six million Jews, but there are 40 million Christian Zionists. The preachers have a huge access through their pulpits and television, and they are telling their listeners that every war that Israel enters is a holy war.

Halsell said these same

preachers praised the 1982 war in Lebanon. They think any war is leading to the last great war and are elated by the prospect, because it will lead to Armageddon, and they believe that in the rapture they will be lifted to heaven without suffering any of the hardships brought on by war and destruction.

They believe that every important event will be centred around Israel. Every important evangelist is preaching what Halsell calls the "cut of Israel." They see the land of Israel as the stage where Christianity will be fulfilled. However, the irony of this alliance is the evangelists' belief that all Jews will be killed in the war, except for a small remnant that will convert to Christianity at the last moment.

Halsell said it was an unholy alliance that had nothing to do with religion, but rather was designed to serve the short-term goals of either group.

Jewish leaders say the evangelists' support of Israel is more important than their domestic agenda, which can sometimes be against the interests of the Jews.

"The whole cult of Israel must be dealt with," said Halsell. "We must separate the militaristic colonial aggression of Israel today from biblical events. We must deal with the belief that Israel is the fulfillment of biblical prophecy. My hope is that we can learn before it is too late."

LETTERS

Lend Siniora an ear

To the Editor:

I refer to an article in the Jordan Times on Tuesday June 30, entitled: "The harsh bell that Hanna Siniora rings," by Rami G. Khouri. One has to admit that people living under Israeli rule are totally downtrodden by the occupation authorities which in fact try, by all means, to wrest away from the Arabs any power, water resources, education culture or anything at all that the Arabs might still possess. The way Mr. Siniora sees the dilemma is quite logical. It should not be viewed as such only by those under the Israeli occupation's yoke, but should be accepted as it is by the majority of the people in the Arab World.

The Arab inhabitants in occupied Jerusalem can and should exercise their civic rights in a way similar to that by which free Arab citizens participate in municipal elections without fear of compromising their adherence to Arab sovereignty, affiliation and identity.

I totally support Mr. Khouri's views which call for allowing Mr. Siniora, a well-known patriot, a chance "to draw our attention to the compelling issues of what happens to Palestinian identity and national rights under prolonged occupation." Since the Arab states' passive resistance, rhetoric protests and verbal condemnations of Israel's practices have today failed to achieve any purpose, then there is no real harm in giving way to other tactics. According to Homer in the *Odyssey*, it was only through sending in troops hidden inside the Trojan horse that the Greeks were able to conquer Troy, from the inside rather than the outside.

Since world-wide condemnation of Israel's behaviour, U.N. resolutions, Arab prayers and all other means have failed to deter Israel from continuing to ignore Arab rights, let us accept Siniora's new mechanism and give it a chance that might prove beneficial to the Arab inhabitants of Jerusalem under the present circumstances.

Lana E. Nasrallah
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JTV Channel 2 Preview New cycle programme

Sat. — July 4, 1987

8:30 New Comedy Series
Together We StandStarring:
Des Wallace Stone (As Lori Randall)
Elliot Gould (As David Randall)

Lori and David Randall are a happily married couple and very content with their two children. David is a former basketball player who now co-owns a sporting goods store, and Lori, after pursuing a career, has decided to be a stay-at-home mom to their two children, Amy and Jack. Everything seems perfect in the Randall household. Just as the Randalls are congratulating themselves on their happy home, there is a knock on the door and the social worker who arranged Amy's adoption arrives to request that they take another boy into their home. Unfortunately the baby Lori is expecting turns out to be Sam, a teenage oriental boy with his sister Sally. The peaceful, perfect days in the Randall household are definitely now a thing of the past as the four children and their parents try to face and resolve the ups and downs of living together.

9:00 Variety Programme

10:20 Feature Film

Sun. — July 5, 1987

8:30 Growing Pains

9:10 The Crowded Desert
New documentary

For many centuries the people of the state of Rajasthan in northern India have lived an uneasy balance with the Thar, the great Indian desert, but over the last 30 years that balance has begun to break out. The Crowded Desert highlights these problems and shows how modern scientific methods are being used to halt the ever-encroaching desert and how one group are actually prospering by their beliefs in conservation.

10:20 Hunter

A top-rated action drama starring Fred Dryer as Rich Hunter, the best cop on the beat and Stephanie Kramer as Dee Dee McCall, his beautiful and tough-talking

partner.

11:10 Comedy

Mon. — July 6, 1987

8:30 Throb

Diana Conova stars in Throb, the mad-cap, off beat, comedy series about a divorced mother in her 30's working in the frenetic world of rock music.

9:10 Mussolini
The Untold Story

The private and public life of Italy's fascist leader Mussolini, who headed Italy's government in 1922, and his role in the years to come which led to Italy's involvement in World War II.

10:20 Goya

Goya is one of the great artists who pioneered contemporary perception and way of seeing. The shooting of the third of May, Saturn devouring his children, and the engravings of the caprices and the disasters of war indelibly mark the reality we perceive. Goya's imagery remains vivid today. The world is still as "Goyesque" as when these works first appeared. What is the key to the eternal vitality of the work of the deaf man from Fuendetodos?

Starring:
Eric Majo (As Goya)

11:10 The Love Boat

Bored for sun and fun, The Love Boat has been filmed on five continents. Literal hundreds of guest stars have booked passage on this laugh-filled luxury liner.

Tue. — July 7, 1987

8:30 Double Trouble
New comedy series

Double Trouble is a contemporary comedy series starring Jean Sagal, Liz Sagal, Donnelly Rhodes and Patricia Richardson that focuses on the importance of friendship in the hectic pace of the 1980's. Kate (Jean) and Allison (Liz) Foster truly are the best of friends, that happen to be sisters — identical twin sisters. The 16-year-old high school twins live with their father Art (Rhodes) in Des Moines, Iowa. Although Art doesn't always understand his daughters, they



'Ohara' — Pat Morita stars as Ohara, an insightful cop whose Japanese heritage gives him a philosophical approach to solving crimes.

are nonetheless his pride and joy. Friends, frivolity and sometimes frustration is Double Trouble.

9:10 Ohara

Pat Morita stars in "Ohara" a detective series about an offbeat police detective who would rather use his ingenuity and brains to crack a difficult case than use his gun. Danny Ohara, a wise and compassionate middle-aged widower, proud of his Japanese heritage and a master of the martial arts, would rather talk his way out of a dangerous situation, but when pressed will call upon his talent in martial arts to settle matters.

10:20 The Unknown War

11:10 Comedy

Wed. — July 8, 1987

8:30 Three's A Crowd

9:10 The Silk Road
New documentary

This is an exclusive film about The Silk Road, full of splendid scenery, adventures, arts, lives of

the people and great natural vistas. This is truly a rediscovery of the historical route, taking you on an exciting journey full of satisfaction, from Xian to Pamir, through the Yellow River and the Gobi Desert, in vivid colour. The Silk Road was not simply a trading route for the beautiful silk, glass and precious stones of that time. Since the goods were carried by men, the religions, arts, and civilisations of different nationalities were also transported from one country to another.

10:20 Wheels
By Arthur HaileyStarring:
Rock Hudson
Lee Remick

Adam Trenton's (Rock Hudson) ambition is to become president of the giant company for which he works, and it is through the intrigues, power plays and his opportunistic marriage that Wheels discloses a dark side of America's auto industry.

Thur. — July 9, 1987

8:30 My Husband and I

New Comedy Series

In this new series, Molly Sudgen plays Nora Powers, head of personnel at a big advertising agency. When she has to find a new cost accountant, her first choice is her husband George (William Moore), who is becoming bored with his new-found retirement. My Husband and I also stars glamorous Carol Hawkins as Tracey from the typing pool. Debbie Davies as Nora's assistant and John Horsley a the bumbling boss.

9:10 Rags to Riches

A musical comedy starring Joseph Bologna as Foley a wealthy but rugged businessman. When a corporate merger begins to falter because of his playboy reputation, Foley reluctantly allows six female orphans to move into his mansion in order to improve his image — with hilarious results!

10:20 Feature Film

Fri. — July 10, 1987

8:30 Bill Cosby Show

9:10 Falcon Crest

A primetime saga of power and passion set against the backdrop of California's exquisite wine country.

Starring:
Jane Wyman,
Robert Foxworth

10:20 Shaka Zulu

and after that JTV is going to start a new mini series:

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Starring:
Madolyn Smith (as Tracy Whitney)
David Keith
Richard Kiley

'Letters to the editor': Some use, many do not

By Mohammad Saleh Jaber

NEWSPAPERS and magazines around the world normally allocate a special section for "letters to the editor" that are usually sent by readers who have comments on one or more of the subjects tackled by the publication in previous issues.

These magazines were used in the past to bury their "letters to the editor" in the inside pages, but over the years and as these letters have gained more importance and continuously drawn readers' attention, they started to feature on the first pages.

What attracts one's attention is the fact that whenever a subject is discussed about the Middle East or U.S. aid to Israel, Palestinian resistance to Israel's occupation or any other subject that is connected with Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict, or even about oil and energy, one finds letters to the editor appearing in these publications commenting on the same subject and defending Israel and its interests. These letters are supposedly being sent all the time by individual citizens either to comment on or to analyse the reports and articles that appeared in the previous editions.

It is noticed that seldom do such publications contain the views of Arab individuals providing analysis or explanation supporting the Arab World's views.

It is true that once in a while one spots a letter sent by a writer sympathising with the Arab cause or defending Arab stands. But even this, as most of these letters imply, is not a portrayal of the Arab position as much as it is a rejection by that writer of Zionist deception of world public opinion.

Many Arabs say that the Jews of the United States, Europe and Palestine do not face the problem of the language barrier. It is also believed that the Jewish agencies around the world undertake the task of writing the individual letters to the editor under pseudonyms thus appearing as ordinary citizens expressing their views.

But what about the Arab World which does not lack writers and intellectuals, who master different languages, and which is backed by vast funds?

Arab states could and should allocate a small proportion of their budgets to employ it in similar civilised tactics to present the facts to the world public opinion which enjoys and also exercises a great deal of influence on economic and political issues.

The Arab countries have more than 20 embassies in Washington and no doubt the same number in London, Paris, and Tokyo. All these embassies are located in the most fashionable streets and residential quarters in those world capitals and all enjoy astronomical budgets. Their staff of diplomats earn enormous salaries and have allocations for receptions and ceremonies for different national occasions. In addition there are the offices of the Arab League and its various organisations which should contribute to the national effort. The Arabs, therefore, are well represented in the capitals of the world but their presence out there is extremely feeble, reflecting the weakness of the Arab World itself.

Arab embassies and Arab centres abroad, which do not lack funds, the language or common sense, should follow up on what issues are being tackled in the foreign press. They ought to open a dialogue through writings in a professional and objective manner.

We were extremely happy lately to hear and see Jordan's ambassador to the United States, Mr. Mohammad Kamal, writing in the American press about the Arab cause and the U.S. presidential elections. His articles must have had an impact on U.S. public opinion far exceeding that which could have come out of memoranda, political meetings and official gatherings. Similarly, a letter to the editor sent by Arab individuals or responsible groups can by far be more productive than tens of "advertisement" pages taken out on certain occasions that cost the Arabs fortunes but never attract public attention.

The writer is director of the Amman Chamber of Commerce. His article is translated from Al Rai' Arabic daily, where he is a regular contributor.

Ghostly problems at the bloody tower

Jean Gray looks at the difficulties which builders and repairers have in maintaining one of London's best-known tourist attractions.

LONDON — Sexually-frustrated ravens vie with the ghost of Sir Walter Raleigh among the hazards which face maintenance workers at one of London's best-known tourist attractions.

If one adds the need of contractors to cease work for half an hour every morning to avoid any competition between the sound of drilling and the other sort of drilling involved in changing the guard, together with the difficulties created by about 2 million visitors a year, one gets an idea of the maintenance headache which is the Tower of London.

The tower's 18 acres of buildings are the responsibility of several government departments and agencies — the Environment Department, Ministry of Defence, Property Services Agency and English Heritage.

After that, anonymity rules. Outside contractors are used in never-ending programme which involves the Property Services Agency alone in spending £1.8 million (\$3 million) a year on maintenance and refurbishment. However, their names may not be made public because of security rules which treat the tower as if it were a conventional defence establishment.

One of the largest jobs the contractors have completed so far is the repair of one of the 11-ft-high, 18-cwt oak gates of the Bloody Tower — the 13th-century gatehouse in which, according to which version of history you believe, Richard III may or may not have murdered his two nephews in 1483.

After seven centuries, the base of the gate had begun to rot. The gate, which would once swing open as prisoners entered through Traitor's Gate to reveal the flight of steps to the scaffold on Tower Green, had — on a quiet Sunday morning when there were no tourists about — to be lifted off its hinges by crane and taken to a workshop in Docklands, in the East End of London.

There, most of the rotten wood was removed — but not all of it. Enough was treated on the spot to retain the gnarled appearance of antiquity. The remainder was replaced with planks cut from a 17th-century oak beam salvaged from an East End demolition yard.

The result was a repair in keeping with a building complex where even the shelters for police

checking visitors' bags and cades have to look as if they have stood there for centuries.

Other recent work has included the modernisation of the wardens' kitchens in the 13th century Beauchamp Tower, replacement of the roof of the half-timbered, 16th-century Queen's House, and the elimination of damp in the Casemates — the Victorian cottages in which the wardens live, backing on to the moat wall.

Among projects about to be tackled are the repair of the great stone wall of the moat after the tunnel for the Docklands Light Railway has been dug beneath it, and painting the windows of the White Tower.

Amid all that there are the ravens to contend with. Their clipped wings make it impossible for them to mate; in the mating

season, as a result, they can be particularly vicious.

Sir Walter Raleigh's ghost is another matter. There was certainly no viciousness there, but the site foreman working on the Bloody Tower, which housed Sir Walter — one of tobacco's earliest promoters — for 14 years before his execution, was often baffled by the lingering smell of tobacco smoke when he arrived in the early morning. It was especially puzzling as smoking is now prohibited in the building.

Removal of the great gate also produced ghostly activity: pot plants were hurled off shelves and pictures fell from walls. The poltergeist vanished once the gate had been restored in its proper place.

Nonetheless, the biggest difficulties relate far more to characters who are very much flesh and blood — the visitors to the tower. — Financial Times feature.

Exhibition traces 150 years of nude photography

By Raymond Gijzen
Reporter

AMSTERDAM — Sex and nudity became subjects for the camera almost as soon as it was invented, and an exhibition tracing 150 years of nude photography lays bare the results.

A collection of about 1,000 nude portraits is on display at a cultural centre here, offering everything from pornography on 1840s silver-coated copper plates to glossy modern portraits of Marilyn Monroe and Penthouse models.

Put together in years of collecting from the world's public and private archives by West German art historian Michael Koehler, the photos have toured West Germany, Switzerland and Austria and will move on to Rome and Copenhagen later this year. "The exhibition wants to show

how photographers through the years have looked at the human body. They're not all artistic pictures," said Elly Engel of Amsterdam's Meervaar Cultural Centre who coordinated the showing.

Offering a selection of pictures typical of trends and styles in nude photography, the exhibition shows naked models and explicit sex scenes were photographed almost as soon as photography as a workable medium was invented in 1839.

Called Daguerotypes — after French inventor Louis Daguerre — the early photos were silver-coated copper plates made sensitive by iodine and developed with mercury, offering an amazingly sharp but sensitive picture preserved in a vacuum behind glass.

Daguerotype pornography left as little to the imagination as the modern variety and until now,

museums taking Koehler's exhibition reserved these for adults in a separate section. Amsterdam does not.

"We have integrated the pornography in the exhibition, it's part of it," Engel said. "If you put them behind the curtain, it becomes a peepshow," she said, noting there have been no complaints from the thousands of visitors the exhibition has drawn so far.

Visitors can view nude portraits used as models by painters in the 1850s, sexy postcards from around the turn of the century, German nudist magazines from the 1920s and explicit scenes from

post-war advertising.

Progressing from static models to running and jumping nudes on beaches as technology advanced, an initial classicist approach gave way to decorative kitsch in the 1870s and subsequent art trends characteristic of their time.

There are abstract pictures by American photographer Man Ray and dreamy scenes of girls undressing by David Hamilton as well as scenes portraying Nazi concentration camp victims and a photo of guerrilla leader Che Guevara's body displayed by Bolivian police.

Johnny "Tarzan" Weissmuller is featured in the exhibition, as is a

naked John Lennon caressing Yoko Ono.

Advised by the Amsterdam Stedelijk museum, which itself turned the exhibition down, the organisers added nude portraits from 18 Dutch photographers to the exhibition, including two male studies by leading Dutch ballet choreographer Hans van Manen.

"The interest in photos of males, and body-builders of both sexes, is growing. It's a reflection of today's fitness culture," Engel said, adding that the Stedelijk decided the show focussed too much on nudity and not enough on aesthetics.

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Lendl reaches Wimbledon finals

Navratilova, Graf clash for the women's title today

LONDON (Agencies) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, the second seed, beat Stefan Edberg of Sweden 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 in a ferociously competitive semifinal Friday to reach his second successive Wimbledon men's tennis final.

Lendl, who lost in straight sets to Boris Becker in last year's final, gave one of his most mature performances on grass — a surface he says he has still not mastered — to move within one match of the title he covets most.

His opponent in Sunday's final will be either seventh-seeded American Jimmy Connors or Pat Cash of Australia, the 11th seed, who were meeting in Friday's second semifinal on a sun-scorched centre court.

Beating Edberg, seeded fourth, was never going to be easy for Lendl, and so it proved.

The 21-year-old Swede is a noted grass-court performer who has twice won the Australian

Open and there were times during Friday's match when it seemed likely he would capitalise on Lendl's deep distrust of the surface.

In the end, though, the world number one's intense desire to win Wimbledon for the first time and the power of his service, broken only twice in the match, prevailed.

Edberg made an edgy start, holding serve in the opening game only after losing the first three points. Lendl conceded just one point — a double fault — in winning his first two service games but Edberg pounced to break him in the sixth game, completing the decisive coup of

the opening set with a rasping backhand pass down the line.

Edberg, attempting to become the first Swede to reach the final here since Bjorn Borg in 1981, survived two break points in the next game and then won the set by holding serve to love.

The only break of the second set came in the 10th and final game and was marked by three breathtaking returns by Lendl. All were backhands, the third struck thunderously across court to clinch the set.

Under a burning sun, the power and precision of both men's serving showed no sign of wilting and in the third set only once was there the merest hint of a break in the eighth game but Edberg saw off the danger with two sharp forehand volleys.

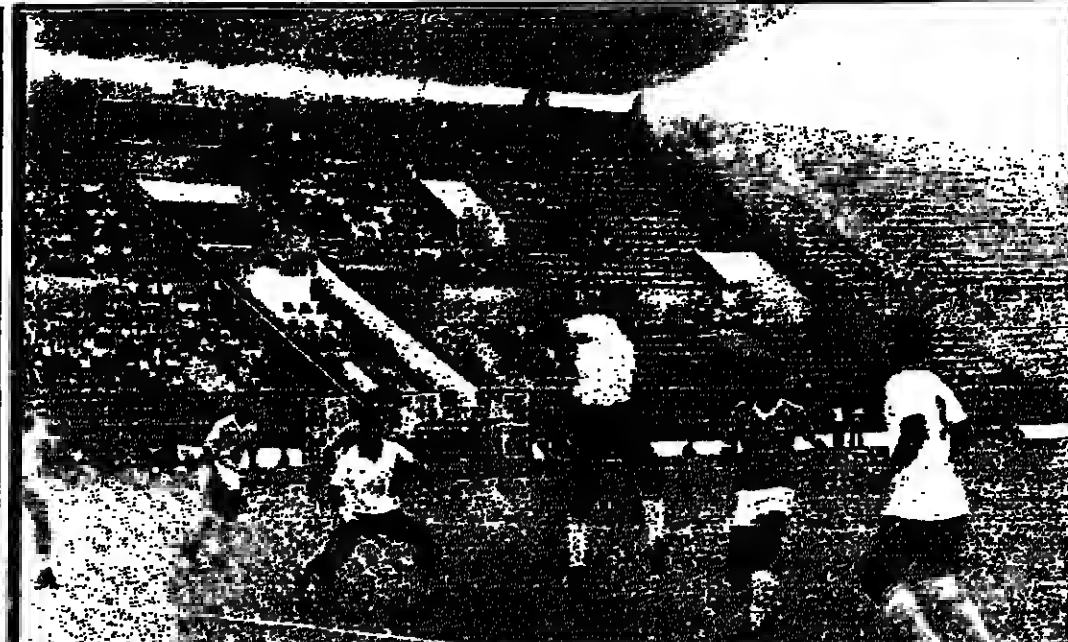
In the timebreak, won 10-8 by Lendl, Edberg had two set points. The impassive Lendl re-

sponded to each with booming first-serve winners and on his own second set point ended a short rally with an explosive forehand down the line.

On Thursday, Martina Navratilova mixed baseline steadiness with her usually strong serve-and-volley game and threw in a dash of acrobatics to beat Chris Evert 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in their 73rd meeting and win a spot in the women's final.

Whenever she has previously reached the championship match on Wimbledon's grass courts, Navratilova has won the crown.

If she maintains that practice in Saturday's title match, the American left-hander will have a record sixth consecutive championship and record-equaling eighth overall, as well as her first tournament victory of a relatively disappointing year.



WHERE IS THE BALL? Al Ramtha defender Zaid Al Share' jumps to head the ball off his team's net while Al Faisali captain and striker Ibrahim Mustafa (second from right) stands watching during a match held Friday within the playoffs of the Premier League Championships. Al Ramtha won the game 1-0. In another match staged on Irbid Stadium Al Hussein and Al Arabi teams drew 1-1 (photo by Youssef Al Allan)

Ailing Vipera wins Siennese horse race

SIENA, Italy (AP) — Guido Tommasucci, mounted upon ailing Vipera, on Thursday won the July running of the Palio, the hoisterous and treacherous horse race around the medieval town square of Siena.

Tommasucci claimed the Selva Club's 33rd victory in this biannual event known for its sharp curves around the dirt-covered fan-shaped square in this Tuscan hill town.

Five of the 10 entries, each representing a colour of Siena's wards, lost control and tumbled, opening the way for a straggling Vipera to break fast to the finish.

The Selva Club had last-minute doubts about running Vipera, who was suffering from a fractured hoof, but finally decided to send the 7-year-old Bay Mare into the race.

Tour de France takes to the air on 2nd day

WEST BERLIN (Agencies) — The Tour de France roadshow took to the air Friday when 206 cyclists, thousands of hikers as well as accompanying officials and journalists flew on to Stuttgart for the third stage of the race.

After the prologue and first two stages in West Berlin, a massive air lift was needed on Friday's rest day before the tour continues through south Germany.

It finally reaches home ground on Sunday when the caravan crosses the Rhine and the French border into Strasbourg at the end of the fifth stage.

As the tour flew out of the German city — the furthest points it has ever strayed from French territory — it left behind some enthusiastic if slightly bewildered Berliners.

Hundreds of thousands lined the streets for the race as city officials congratulated themselves on pulling off a major propaganda coup, with television pictures going all over the world.

West Berlin paid a record 3 million marks (\$1.6 million) for the right to start the tour and the powers that be reckoned it was worth every pfennig, even though it is impossible to estimate what financial returns it may bring.

But West Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen stressed the value to the city's image during the year of its 750th anniversary celebrations of showing that, even isolated within East German territory, it is capable of running an event as complicated and demanding as the Tour de France.

The political overtones were heavy, with French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac on hand to open the first stage at the old Reichstag building close to the Berlin Wall.

Since the first race in 1903, the tour has started abroad eight times but new tour director Jean-Francois Naquet-Radiguet said there were plans for the first stage to take place outside France every other year from now on.

He said talks were already going on about starting the race in London in 1989.

Though officials failed in their original aim to take the tour through East German territory after leaving West Berlin, the race threw up a novel East European connection.

Lech Piatecki of Poland, a professional who rides for an Italian team, became the first East European to wear the race leader's yellow jersey.



Said Aouita

Aouita excels but misses world record

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Said Aouita is not only three-time world record holder. He is also an expert in narrowly missing world records.

The Moroccan did it again at Thursday's world games IAAF mobile grand prix track and field meet as he came within 44 hundredths of Steve Cram's world mile record.

Aouita's time of 3 minutes, 46.76 seconds was the second fastest mile ever and a new African record.

Considered the world's most versatile distance runner, Aouita now has missed six world records by 86 hundredths or less in the past two years.

That alone deserves a place in the record book.

Doesn't it bother him missing world marks so narrowly, so often?

"Well, it means I'm running very consistent," Aouita said after Thursday's mile.

Aouita, 26, who holds the 1,500, two-mile and 5,000 world marks, said he wasn't going for Cram's record at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium.

"I never thought about it," he said. "I just wanted to run fast."

But Aouita would hardly convince the nearly 20,000 fans about that assertion.

The pacemaker was perfect. The weather was cool, but not windy.

The only problem was that Aouita was on his own at the bell lap after the rabbits — Briton Paul Larkin and Canadian Dave Campbell — had done their job.

Colombia eliminates Bolivia from S. American Cup

ROSARIO (R) — A powerful Colombian team soundly beat Bolivia 2-0 on Wednesday and eliminated them from the South American Cup Tournament in a Group C match.

Winning on a strongly offensive game aimed at poking holes in the opposition's defence, Colombia's victory made them a heavy favourite to beat Paraguay and move to the semi-finals on Sunday.

The Bolivian defence, which kept the superior Paraguayan squad to a scoreless draw on Sunday, was left struggling to resist Colombia's hard-biting offensive line.

Star midfielder Carlos Valderama made the most of a good position and a pass from striker Antony de Avila to score at 35 minutes.

Bolivia then managed to hold back a series of goal attempts,

sometimes with only inches to spare, until two minutes before the final bell when Arnoldo Iguaran brushed past Bolivian goalie Luis Galarza and scored.

Only 18 minutes before, striker Iguaran had been sent in to substitute for a sluggish Juan Galeano.

Both squads played with nine players in the final minutes, as fighting and fouls resulted in the expulsion of two players

4 mountain climbers found dead in Alps in 4 days

CHAMONIX, France (AP) — Four mountain climbers have been killed during the past four days following an abrupt rise in temperatures that has caused treacherous conditions in the Alps, police said.

On Thursday, Jean-Pierre Esteban, 43, and his companion Mireille Gillet, 27, fell 800 metres (8,600 feet) during an attempt to climb the Gouter Peak of Mont Blanc in France.

The bodies of two other unidentified mountain climbers

were discovered Wednesday night by Italian mountain police on Mont Viso.

The climbers had been at an altitude of 3,000 metres (32,000 feet) at the time of the accident, and police said they tumbled about 500 metres (5,400 feet).

The four deaths are the latest in a series of accidents caused by melting snow in the mountains which straddle the French, Italian and Swiss borders. Temperatures had been unusually cool until last week, and areas of the mountains

that are normally clear of snow for mountain climbing by early July are experiencing dangerous conditions typical of late spring, authorities said.

On Sunday, nine hikers were slightly injured after sliding on mountain slopes thickly covered in melting snow.

Last week, two British mountain climbers were found dead after falling on the descent from Char-donnnet Peak on Mont-Blanc, police said.

Record-breaking balloon trip ends in Scotland

LONDON (Agencies) — Two adventurers trying to make the world's first Atlantic crossing by hot-air balloon soared across the northwest coast of Ireland at 86 mps (138 kph) on Friday.

They headed for an earlier-than-expected landing in central England on Friday evening.

Richard Branson, the 36-year-old head of a British entertainment conglomerate and chairman

of Virgin Atlantic Airways, and balloon designer Per Lindstrand, 38, crossed the Irish coast at 1055 GMT and were expected to land in central England between 1700 GMT and 1800 GMT, said the London Control Centre.

The balloon was maintaining an altitude of 27,000 feet (8,230 metres), the centre said.

Speaking by radio from his

giant Virgin Atlantic flyer, Branson told British Television they were about 300 miles west of Ireland.

"Our only concern at the moment is that we seem to be being blown a bit too far north," Branson said. They were cruising at 37,000 feet (11,200 metres) at a speed of about 100 mph (160 kph).

Universiad has record entries but top names uncertain

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (R) — The World Student Games are luring a record number of athletes to a warm-up for the Seoul Olympics, including a number of Russian record holders who are poised for a show of dominance.

Some 6,600 athletes from 118 countries, to be watched over by a massive security force of

15,000, are expected for the biennial games which begin preliminary competition on Sunday.

Despite the number of competitors, the depth of first-rank talent is uncertain as many stars may give Zagreb a miss in a busy summer calendar to concentrate on the Pan-American Games in Indianapolis and the World Championships in Rome.

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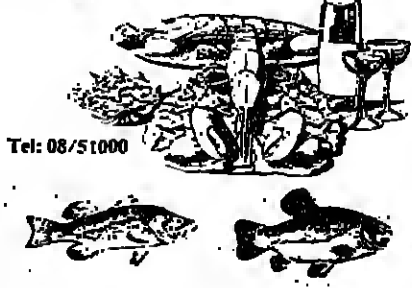
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Friday.

One Sterling	1.6125/35	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.3265/75	Canadian dollar
	1.8355/65	West German marks
	2.0678/88	Dutch guilders
	1.5270/80	Swiss francs
	38.07/12	Belgian francs
	6.1175/1225	French francs
	1329/1330	Italian lira
	148.35/45	Japanese yen
	6.4025/75	Swedish crowns
	6.7175/7225	Norwegian crowns
	6.9525/75	Denish crowns
One ounce of gold	443.40/443.90	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities continued Thursday's rally on the back of institutional and overseas demand for stock in more active trading than of late, dealers said.

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 29.0 at 2,326.4 after touching an all-time peak of 2,330.7 at 1338 GMT, which compares with its previous record high of 2,327.6 on June 17. The more narrowly based F.T. 30 index hit a record 1,181.6 compared with its previous peak of 1,806.1, also on June 17.

The higher Wall Street close and speculative interest pushed prices ahead at the outset but dealers said the recent batch of rights issues was still weighing on sentiment to some extent.

Some market analysts believe that the current upturn is not soundly based and that any overseas buying will soon dry up. Others, however, said that all the underlying fundamental factors remain good and there is no reason for the market to retrace its steps.

Despite this difference of opinion for the short term direction of the market the majority of analysts are bullish for the longer term prospects of U.K. equities.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today is wonderful for celebrating the holiday. The daytime should be dedicated to picnics and family activities, while the evening should be given to unusual activities.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Today is perfect for returning to a place which you've always enjoyed. You'll have a fine time with an old friend.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Complete some important business matters before celebrating. Don't make it a late evening, you need rest.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Contact some friends you haven't seen for a while. It's important that you take no risks while driving today.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Make sure your home is in good shape before entertaining so there will be no bad impressions of you as a host.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You're in a rut, so find some ways of adding excitement to your life. You may want to discuss plans for the future with your mate.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Financial advice for the future will be available while you're socializing today. Seek it out and use it to your benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handling ignored correspondence would be beneficial. Your present situation is comfortable, so stick with it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The evening will have the potential for much fun with your loved one. Many of your talents will be useful today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get together with interesting friends and go someplace where you'll all have a good time, but drive carefully.

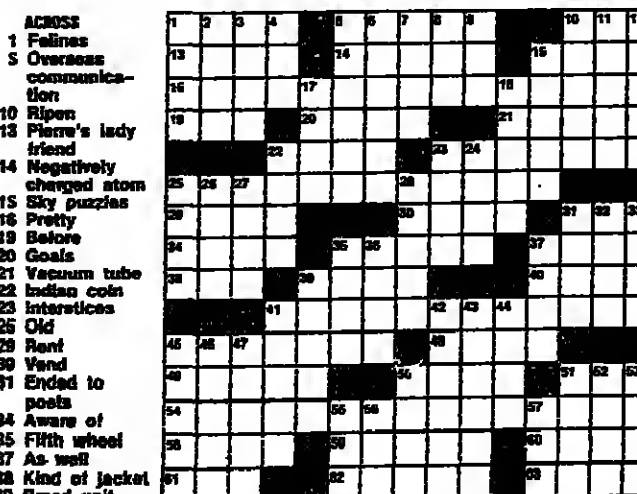
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Enjoy the holiday and show your patriotic spirit. Almost anything you attempt today can be handled quite easily.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) It's important that you arrive on time for appointments. You can realize nearly any wish today.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Trust your intuition today. Concentrate on being with and doing nice things for your mate to help your relationship.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have great talent at finely detailed and technological work. Your child may have a tendency to be a bit of a perfectionist, but will also have a good deal of patience. An innate ability for social grace and artistic ability are also indicated.

THE Daily Crossword by Betty Jorgensen



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

1. Felines	11. Edam's cousin
2. Overseas communication	12. Curves
3. Ripen	13. Labor group
4. Form's lady friend	14. Bridge holding
5. Sky puzzles	15. Utopian
6. Pretty	16. Flying prefix
7. Before	17. Assort
8. Goals	18. Infirmary
9. Vacuum tube	19. Over
10. Indian coin	20. Hawaii's bird
11. Interferences	21. Parting word
12. Old	22. Military acronym
13. Rent	23. Butcher's
14. Vend	24. Son of Isaac
15. Ended to poets	25. Decays
16. Aware of	26. Cut
17. Fifth wheel	27. He read work
18. As well	28. "a" Irish
19. Kind of jacket	29. Rose
20. Broad unit	30. Musical direction
21. Cap's round	31. City on the Columbia
22. Shubert	32. Certain drink
23. Musical tempo	33. Aletators
24. Employ	
25. Crow	
26. Fifty's dam	
27. Health resort	
28. Crazy	
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30. Street show	
31. Poet's sound	
32. Ruff's mate	
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U.S. jobless rate falls

WASHINGTON (R) — Civilian unemployment in the United States has fallen to the lowest level in nearly eight years, dropping to 6.1 per cent in June, the Labour Department has reported.

The drop from the 6.3 per cent level in May seemed to buttress Reagan administration claims that the economy has not stalled, even after five years of continuous if tepid recovery.

Unemployment has essentially remained steady for the past 13 months and the drop in June seemed to catch some economists off guard. The June figure, announced Thursday, was the lowest since December 1979.

Still they believe the economy, at best, will continue to limp along and unemployment could rise again in the second half of this year.

Employment in other than farm jobs grew by a disappointing 116,000 last month, and the department also revised this sector downward for May.

"Manufacturing looks rather weak," said Mr. Gilbert Benz, an economist for the Wall Street firm of A. Gary Shilling Co., adding: "The goods-producing sector did not see much improvement."

Moreover, a Labour Department official said job growth in the service industries has slowed from the pace of earlier months.

The June report showed that 7.26 million Americans were unemployed out of a civilian workforce of 119.52 million.

Ms. Janet Norwood, commissioner of labour statistics, told Congress that the growth in the service industry had been slowing.

"In fact, in the last two months, employment in this sector has grown at only half the rate registered earlier in the year," she said.

Mr. Benz said the recent improvement in the U.S. trade deficit was misleading because most of it came in financial earnings on American investments abroad, boosted by the cheaper dollar.

The reduced value of the U.S. currency inflates the return on overseas investments when they are translated into dollars.

He said the lack of improvement in the industrial sector eventually will be felt by slower growth in the service employment, which linked indirectly to manufacturing.

But he added: "Tight credit conditions would limit this growth."

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Key U.S. economic barometer improves

Meanwhile, the U.S. index of leading indicators, a key barometer of future economic activity, rose 0.7 per cent in May, while new orders for manufactured goods were unchanged, the Commerce Department has said.

The reports were the latest signs that the U.S. economy is growing at a modest pace.

The rise in the indicators index was the second largest this year and the fifth increase in six months, but some economists said the 0.7 per cent increase could overstate the level of economic growth.

The Commerce Department also said that the index was much stronger in April than had been previously estimated. It said the index rose 0.2 per cent in April, instead of falling 0.6 per cent as previously reported.

The department said that excluding volatile defence goods, which vary widely from month to month, factory orders rose 0.8 per cent in May.

Economists had anticipated only a small gain in factory orders last month. Most said they had expected orders to rise 0.1 to 0.2 per cent based on the 0.1 per cent drop in orders for expensive durable goods which the Commerce Department reported last week.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the May rise in the index of leading indicators showed continued economic growth, but he warned that tight credit conditions could stall the economy.

"The net gain in the leading index over the past six months — an annual rate of 7.4 per cent — is consistent with near-term growth of three to four per cent in the economy," Mr. Baldrige said in a statement.

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Egypt extends credit squeeze

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's monetary authorities, in a drive to stamp out inflation, have ordered banks to extend a curb on lending into the new fiscal year, bankers said Thursday.

A central bank circular to banks reconfirmed a credit squeeze imposed in April during the run-up to May's agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that secured heavily indebted Egypt credits of \$325 million.

Banks were told then to restrict growth in lending, until the June 30 end of the 1986/87 fiscal year, to 2.5 per cent of loans on their books at the end of December last year.

The measure sparked controversy among Egypt's commercial banks because many had already exceeded the new ceiling. "The instruction has been reconfirmed," one banker said.

"We have stopped lending," Bankers said the central bank had ordered them to apply the same limit from July 1 until further notice — 2.5 per cent above the end-1986 level. Some said the measure could lead to an overall contraction of credit.

The IMF deal also included de facto devaluation of the Egyptian pound, which was floated for limited purposes.

Its rate, fixed daily by a committee of banks, has fluctuated around 2.18 to the dollar, compared with the central bank's previous "incentive rate" of 1.35.

The government last month announced a 20 per cent pay rise for some five million civil servants and pensioners, which fore-

ign economists saw as an attempt to forestall the impact of the rising prices on some of Egypt's lowest-paid workers.

Ministers have acknowledged that some prices are rising but have said the government would protect the poor.

Planning Minister Kamal Ahmad Ganzouri said prices of big electrical and kitchen appliances would increase, but that small ones would be unaffected.

A value tax would be introduced based on an item's price, replacing an across-the-board consumption tax, the national Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted him as saying Wednesday.

Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Fouad Sultan told Reuters last week that air fares paid in Egyptian pounds would soon rise by 33 per cent because of the partial flotation.

Banking sources, meanwhile, reported completion of a first stage in talks on rescheduling some 12 billion francs (\$2 billion) of civil and military debt to France.

Details of a restructuring package still had to be hammered out, they said.

France was the first of 18 creditor governments to start talks with Cairo after a framework accord signed in Paris in May on rescheduling a total of some \$12 billion of Egypt's \$40 billion debt.

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20,000 S. Korean students hold anti-government rally

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — About 20,000 students chanted anti-government slogans Friday as radical leaders charged that President Chun Doo-hwan does not intend to keep his promise of sweeping democratic reform.

Opposition officials, meanwhile, said the main opposition Reunification Democratic Party (RDP) would probably select its presidential candidate by September and that dissident Kim Dae-jung was reconsidering his earlier refusal to seek the country's highest post.

The governing and opposition parties were forming plans Friday for implementation of Mr. Chun's promised reforms, which include press freedom, guarantees of basic rights, increased local autonomy and release of political prisoners.

Authorities said the country was quiet Friday. But a major opposition group announced plans for a rally next week to demand the quick release of all political prisoners.

"Down with the military dictatorship" chanted the students from about 30 schools in the Seoul area as they listened to speeches during the rally at Yonsei University.

Speakers charged that Mr. Chun's promises of reforms were intended to deceive the people and defuse massive anti-government protests that swept the country for 18 straight days last month.

Students denounced Mr. Chun, a former army general, and sang revolutionary songs as they paraded around the campus shaking their clenched fists.

Various factions at the meeting disagreed on how to proceed given the new political atmosphere. Some speeches were

greeted with taunts and boos.

The gathering was the first major political meeting since Mr. Chun announced Wednesday his acceptance of direct presidential elections and other sweeping reforms.

In the governing Democratic Justice Party (DJP), 11 task forces were at work developing plans. The party said it would draft a framework next week for a proposed constitutional amendment allowing direct presidential elections and would finalize its draft by late this month.

The National Coalition for a Democratic Constitution, the opposition alliance that started the protests, announced it would hold a rally next week to urge the government to quickly release all political prisoners.

Officials said courts had begun releasing defendants currently on trial in political cases by granting suspended sentences, dismissing charges or other means. At least 400 people are reportedly now on trial on political charges.

Justice Ministry officials have said they will release about 1,100 political prisoners, and only those convicted of treason or other serious charges would have to serve out their sentences. But some opposition leaders have put the total number of political detainees as high as 3,000 and have questioned the government's figures.

Minister of Culture and Information Lee Woong-hee said it might take "some time" for the government to grant amnesty to

Kim Dae-jung because of the large number of pending cases involving amnesty and restoration of civil rights.

Aides of Kim Dae-jung said he might reconsider his plans to seek the party's presidential nomination when it selects a candidate, probably in September after the constitution is revised.

Kim Dae-jung said Friday that he was not seeking the nomination, but his denial was softer than in the past and he said up to 500 supporters were calling him daily to plead that he change his mind.

"For now, I have no intention of becoming a presidential candidate," he said.

A run for the presidency by Kim Dae-jung would lead to a clash with party chief Kim Young-sam, who is expected to seek the party's candidacy. The two men, who have been rivals in the past, have pledged to work together.

"It is not time to talk about (the presidential candidacy)," Kim Young-sam told the Associated Press on Friday. "It is important now to think about what we can do for the realization of democracy."

Kim Dae-jung, an adviser to the main opposition party, RDP, is banned from political activity under a suspended 20-year prison sentence on charges of instigating an anti-government uprising in 1980 in the southern city of Kwangju.

The two Kims agreed to meet Saturday to work out a common position for the talks with the government. The two were expected to discuss differences over a proposal by Kim Dae-jung for an interim cabinet to supervise implementation of the reforms.

Soviet Far East commander becomes air defence chief

MOSCOW (AP) — The general believed to be in charge in the Soviet Far East when a Korean airliner was shot down in 1983 was identified as the new chief of Soviet Air Defence Forces.

Thursday's edition of the Defence Ministry newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda identified him as Gen. Ivan Tretyak, 64.

He replaces chief Marshal Alexander I. Koldunov, who was fired after a West German teenager flew a small plane from Finland to Moscow and landed on Red Square.

The May 28 flight of 19-year-old Matthias Rust precipitated harsh criticism from the ruling Politburo and a broad shakeup in military ranks that included the replacement of the defence minister.

The flight was a clear embarrassment to the Kremlin leadership, which has long vaunted the Soviet military's ability to detect any kind of aircraft trying to penetrate Soviet skies.

Krasnaya Zvezda said Gen. Tretyak spoke to top Communist Party members about the air defence troops about strengthening military preparedness. The meeting touched on the "reliable defence of state borders," the paper said.

It did not say when or where Gen. Tretyak spoke.

Gen. Tretyak was named commander of the Far Eastern military district in May 1976. Western military attaches in Moscow said he was apparently still in that post in 1983 when a Soviet fighter shot down a Korean Air Lines Jumbo Jet that strayed into Soviet airspace.

All 269 people aboard the Boeing 747 died in the Sept. 1, 1983, incident.

One military attaché said Gen. Tretyak would have borne ultimate responsibility for actions of troops under his command, but that he did not necessarily play any part in the decision to fire on the jetliner.

"We really don't know who authorised the Soviet pilot to pull the trigger," the attaché said, speaking on condition he not be identified by name.

The attaché said that little was known about Gen. Tretyak, but his post as commander in the Soviet Far East would indicate that he was greatly trusted in Moscow.

The Far Eastern Command, whose headquarters are in the Pacific port of Vladivostok, includes some of the largest and most sensitive Soviet defence installations.

Defence attaches said it is not clear when Gen. Tretyak left the Far Eastern Command and what his most recent post had been. They said he had recently been working in Moscow.

18 illegal aliens die in U.S. train boxcar

DALLAS (R) — The boxcar in which 18 illegal aliens from Mexico died in 120-degree F (50-degree C) heat had been sidetracked because of mechanical problems, the U.S. border patrol said Friday.

One man survived by using an iron spike to punch a hole in the floor to breathe through but all of his companions were asphyxiated.

Border patrol agents are looking for a man believed to have locked the aliens in on Wednesday.

The bodies were found early Thursday by border patrol agents in the sealed boxcar in the west Texas town of Sierra Blanca.

Spokesman Michael Williams said by telephone from El Paso there was evidence of heat convulsions, adding that many of the bodies were discoloured and bloated and that "there was a lot of blood about."

"It's a pretty grisly sight," he said.

Williams said the survivor, Miguel Rodriguez, said two of the dead men were part of a ring that smuggled illegal aliens into the United States.

He said a third member had locked everyone in while the train was in the Mission-Pacific Railway in El Paso.

The train was bound from there for Dallas, but was sidetracked in Sierra Blanca, 150 kilometres south east of El Paso, due to a mechanical problem, he said.

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Surrealist's hat sells for \$26,000

LONDON (AP) — The black bowler hat owned by Belgian surrealist artist Rene Magritte sold for £16,500 (\$26,565) in London, 11 times more than the top estimate, auctioneers Sotheby's said. "It was bought by a Belgian man who left his address but disappeared before we could talk to him. We assume he was a private collector," said Fiona Ford, spokeswoman for the art auction house. Magritte, who died in 1967, usually went hatless but he often put on the black bowler to pose for his photographers and he used it frequently as a prop in his extraordinary paintings. Sotheby's thought it would sell for between £1,000 and £1,500 (about \$1,600 to \$2,400). Magritte's paintings often showed familiar objects in strange circumstances, like an umbrella with a glass of water on top, clouds below a horizon and a lit-up house in a dark garden under a daylight sky.

'Gorbachev has second grandchild'

MOSCOW (AP) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter revealed Thursday that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev recently became a grandfather for the second time. Mr. Carter, at a news conference during his first visit to the Soviet Union, refused to discuss most details of his meeting on Wednesday with Mr. Gorbachev. But when asked if they shared any light moments during their 90-minute discussion of world issues, Mr. Carter volunteered, "we both have had grandchildren born recently." Mr. Carter said his own newest grandchild, Jeremy, was born June 23. "And the general secretary had a granddaughter born recently, I think his second grandchild," Mr. Carter said. The Gorbachevs' first granddaughter, Oksana, has been photographed with her grandmother Raisa and mother, Irina, at holiday events on Red Square. Oksana appears to be about 7 years old. Irina is the Gorbachevs' only child.

Soviet test-tube babies 'doing well'

MOSCOW (R) — The first Soviet test-tube baby was born just over a year ago and is doing well, together with four other babies conceived outside their mother's womb, the Moscow newspaper Leninskoye Znamye has reported. The newspaper said a "psychological barrier" among certain health care officials about the artificial conception technique had prevented Soviet doctors from pursuing research in the late 1970s as the first test-tube babies were born in the West. Dr. Boris Leonov, head of a Moscow-based research center, pioneered the technique on a young woman previously declared sterile who gave birth to a daughter, Lena, last year. Three more test-tube babies have since been born in Moscow and one in Leningrad, the newspaper said.

Prisoner throws shoes at judge

DHAKA (R) — A 24-year-old man threw his shoes at the judge who had just sentenced him to life in prison for throwing nitric acid on a neighbour in a property feud, Bangladesh police have said. They said the judge at a court near Dhaka came under attack as soon as he passed sentence on Ripon Sarker. Lawyers helped court guards subdue Sarker who was kicked and punched before he was handed to police, who said he would be charged with contempt of court.

'World needs a global food bank'

BRUSSELS (R) — The creation of a World Food Bank could help feed the hungry in poor countries and reduce food surpluses in rich nations, a European Community (EC) politician has said. Lord Plumb, president of the European Parliament, said the scheme could resolve the tragic imbalance under which developed countries subsidised their farmers to produce surpluses while Third World producers were hardly paid at all. Developing countries would be able to borrow food cheaply while rich states could transfer stocks to the bank and obtain shareholdings in it, he suggested in a speech to the Royal Institute of International Relations.

Czech police raid punk wedding

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A Czechoslovak court sentenced two youths to prison and gave two others suspended sentences on charges arising from a police raid on a punk wedding, a Czechoslovak human rights group has said. VONS, the Committee for the Defence of the Unjustly Accused, said the four were convicted and sentenced on June 29 by a Hradec Kralove district court of disturbing the peace and assault on a public official. Hradec Kralove is about 250 kilometres north east of Prague. VONS, which is closely associated with Charter 77, the Soviet Bloc's senior independent human rights monitoring organisation, said Roman Soba and Milan Supola received prison terms of 10 months and eight months respectively. Vit Tichy and Kamil Petrovicky were given suspended sentences said VONS, in a statement phoned from London.

Sri Lanka bans TV ads using children

COLOMBO (R) — Television advertisements that feature children to promote commercial products have been banned in Sri Lanka. Ministry of State officials said that parents had complained they were too poor to buy the products demanded by their children after watching such advertisements. Zan ad which shows a child asking his mother for an expensive milk brand prompts other children to ask their mother for the same product, Minister of State Anandadasa de Alwis told the country's two television stations early this year. "For parents who cannot afford it that situation creates frustration and embarrassment," he said.

Woman seeks damages after fiancé killed

MELBOURNE (R) — An Australian woman whose fiancé was killed in a car crash on the way to their wedding is claiming damages against the driver of the car, her betrothed's brother. Leanne Banks, 22, alleged in a supreme court writ that she was carrying the unborn child of her fiancé, Gavin Banks. The writ said she sought damages for the child, who would be deprived of support and a father's services. Gavin was killed last November when a car, driven by his brother John, collided with another vehicle on the way to the wedding ceremony. Leanne, who has changed her surname from Semple to the baby would have his father's name, alleged her fiancé's death was caused by the negligence of John and an unnamed woman who was driving the other vehicle.

Magazine banned because of spelling

WELLINGTON (R) — A magazine produced by journalism students has been banned because of spelling mistakes, poor grammar and typographical errors. Noel Harrison, director of the Northland Polytechnic in Whangarei, in the far north of New Zealand, said he had banned the 25-page magazine only days before it has to have gone on sale. It was produced over 10 weeks by six students and was supposed to demonstrate what they had learned during a "media skills" course.

Italian financier arrested for fraud

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Police have arrested a financier once dubbed the "golden boy" of Italian high finance but now suspected of participating in a multi-million-dollar check theft ring, Italian news media reported. Franco Ambrosio, 41, was arrested along with his American-born wife, Maria, 48, at their luxurious villa in the coastal resort of Portofino, according to the news reports. The two were charged with criminal association, fraud and receiving of stolen goods. State-run RAI television and other media said they were believed to have participated in a nationwide organisation that over several years stole checks worth up to a total of \$85 million.

Nazi war criminal Karl Linas dies in prison

MOSCOW (R) — Convicted Nazi war criminal Karl Linas, who was deported from the United States to the Soviet Union in April, has died in hospital following surgery, the Soviet News Agency TASS reported.

TASS said Linas died of heart failure after two operations since he was moved last month to a Leningrad prison hospital from jail in the Estonian capital of Tallinn.

It said Soviet doctors had discovered he was suffering from a serious illness after his deportation from the United States on April 20, but gave no details.

Linas, 67, had been sentenced to death in his absence by a Soviet court in 1962 for involvement in murdering more than 12,000 people while serving as

commandant of a death camp in the Estonian city of Tartu during World War II.

He had appealed to the Soviet authorities for a pardon after being flown to Tallinn from the United States, where he had lived since 1951.

Linas was extradited to the Soviet Union after the U.S. supreme court refused to grant him a stay of deportation in a 6-3 vote. The Soviet Union, which has no stay of limitation on war crimes, had long sought his extradition.

A white-headed, retired draftsman who had lived in Greenlawn, New York, Linas was accused by the U.S. Justice Department of having ordered the extermination of men, women and children kneeling at a mass grave in Tartu.

Broadway director Michael Bennet dies of AIDS

NEW YORK (R) — The glittering lights of Broadway's great white way of theatres were dimmed for a minute in honour of award-winning director-choreographer Michael Bennet who died of an AIDS-related disease.

Among the theatres that marked Bennet's death by shutting off their lights at 8 p.m. (midnight GMT) Thursday night was the Shubert Theatre, where

his A Chorus Line — the longest running show on Broadway — is still playing after 12 years.

Bennet, whose other musical hits included Dreamgirls and Promises, Promises, died Thursday of lymphoma, a form of cancer. He was 44 years old.

His disease was "a result of suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome," his lawyer John Breglio said.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
With Thomas M. Williams, Inc.

WON BATTLE, LOST WAR

It is vulnerable. South deals NORTH
♠ A
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ K J 10 9
♣ 10 6 4

WEST EAST
♠ 4 10 7 5 2 ♠ K 4 3
♥ J ♠ A 9 7 6
♦ 8 2 ♠ A 7 6 3
♣ A 7 3 2 ♠ K 8

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 8 6
♥ 10 4 3 2
♦ Q 4
♣ A 9 5

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1: Pass
1: Pass Pass Pass
4: Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Dear Charlie,
I had an unexpected honor conferred on me recently. I was selected to represent France, my adopted home, in the Europa Cup. I only wish we had done better—we finished third as Denmark won. Still, I enjoyed myself and have some hands for you.

I ended up playing in four hearts on this one. With the queen in the suit opened by my partner, Michel Lebel, I didn't even think about passing his limit raise of three hearts.

West led the jack of spades, won in dummy. I had a diamond

to my queen, which held, and continued with a trump to the jack and queen, and that won. East won the king of diamonds with the ace and exited with the suit. I discarded a club from hand and won on the table with the ten. When East followed to the jack of diamonds, I ruffed two spades in dummy using a club ruff as the entry. I had nine tricks in the bag, and this was the position:

NORTH
♠ K
♥ K
♦ Q 10
♣ 10

WEST EAST
♠ 10 7 ♠ A 9 7
♥ J ♠ A 9 7
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♣ J ♠ A 9 7

SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ Q
♦ 10 4
♣ 10

The combined K-10 holding in trumps was equal to East's ace, so I was assured of my 10th trick no matter what I chose to play from dummy. In the other room they stopped in three hearts, so we gained a useful pickup.

As ever,
Omar

Minister: Canada will no longer be U.S. 'protectorate'

LOQUIT, Northwest Territories (AP) — The Canadian defence minister has said after a tour of the nation's far north that his plans for an Arctic military buildup will help end Canada's status as a U.S. "protectorate."

Perrin Beatty also said that Washington, after some early questioning of Canada's decision to deploy its own nuclear-powered submarines, has sounded more positive about the plan and may be willing to help. He mentioned submarine officer training.

"One thing we would want to discuss with the United States is military cooperation programs, such as officer exchange programs," Mr. Beatty said in an interview.

In addition, he said, U.S.-manufactured vessels remain a possibility although Canadian interest thus far has focused on buying cheaper British or French nuclear submarines.

"We don't rule out any potential supplier," he said.

Mr. Beatty's department issued a "white paper" last month outlining a new defence policy centered on acquisition of 10 to 12 nuclear-powered submarines that would give Canada the capability to patrol under the ice in its Arctic seas.

The programme would cost an estimated \$5 to \$6 billion. The American dollar is worth about 1.33 Canadian dollars.

U.S. defence officials initially questioned the need for such Canadian vessels and suggested the plan was designed more as a symbolic Canadian move in a simmering dispute with the United States over the Northwest passage.

The United States refuses to recognise Canadian sovereignty over the ocean-to-ocean waterway, which threads through Canada's Arctic islands and is navigable for a short time in summer.

Mr. Beatty said in the interview, aboard his official plane heading south over Baffin Island's snowy tundra, that Washington now appears to have accepted the Arctic plan.

The 37-year-old defence chief spoke at the end of a four-day tour of Arctic military facilities during which he repeatedly involved one theme: No one should question Canadian sovereignty over the sparsely populated Arctic islands and waterways.

The sovereignty issue, a sensitive point among Canadians, flared anew two years ago when a U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker traversed the Northwest Passage without asking Canada's permission.

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Protests, violence continue in Panama

PANAMA CITY (R) — Rock-throwing students clashed with riot police outside Panama's national university as protests against the military-dominated government continued here for the second straight day.

Scores of students began erecting makeshift barricades to halt traffic at a key intersection outside the campus early Thursday morning.

Heavily-armed riot police waited for two hours before moving in to dismantle the barricades.